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CONTAINING

A GENEALOGICAL and HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

OF ALL THE

ENGLISH BARONETS,

NOW EXISTING:

Their DESCENTS, MARRIAGES, and ISSUES;

MEMORABLE ACTIONS, both in *War*, and *Peace*;

RELIGIOUS and CHARITABLE DONATIONS;

DEATHS, PLACES OF BURIAL, and MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS;

COLLECTED

From *Authentick Manuscripts*, *Records*, *Old Wills*, our best *Historians*, and other Authorities.

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WITH

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LIKEWISE

EXACT TABLES OF PRECEDENCE; Particularly with Respect to the WIVES, SONS, and DAUGHTERS, of BARONETS, and KNIGHTS.

TO WHICH ARE ADDED,

An ACCOUNT of such NOVA-SCOTIA BARONETS as are of ENGLISH FAMILIES, now Resident in *England*:

AND

A LIST of such Persons Names who were deemed Fit and Qualified, at the RESTORATION, to be made KNIGHTS of *The Royal Oak*, with the Value of their ESTATES, as then given in.

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THE PREFACE.

THAT men are animated to a purſuit of noble and worthy actions, by ſeeing the examples of others, and eſpecially of their forefathers, placed, as in a glaſs, before their eyes, which ſtrike with the greater and more irreſiſtable force, when titles, and a deſcent from illuſtrious anceſtors, are obſerved to be graced and ſet off with ſuitable virtues and accompliſhments; is a thing ſo very plain, and natural to the mind, that it will be enough merely to make the obſervation; which alone is a ſufficient proof, of the uſefulneſs of the enſuing work, drawn up with a view of ſetting a great number of ſuch examples before the reader, and inſpiriting him on, to a generous imitation of them. As to the other part of it, which conſiſts of genealogies, all antiquaries are agreed in the difficulties attending the ſetting forth of ſuch things, in any degree, approaching to exactneſs; and more particularly, when the accounts of families, and their genealogical ſeries, undertaken to be publiſhed, are to be often traced through ſo many centuries backwards, where the thread, to guide us, is ſometimes ſo very ſlender, that it can be no wonder to find it broken; and this will be our excuſe to the reader, if he obſerves ſome of the following accounts to be too ſhort, or defective, as well as for any errors he may eſpy in them, as all imaginable pains have been uſed by us, to make them as correct as poſſible, and to get likewiſe the beſt information from any hands capable of aſſiſting us.

Application has been made to every Baronet, (to ſeveral of them more than once,) not only by letter, but by frequent advertiſements; and the editor muſt acknowledge, (which he does, with all due reſpect and gratitude for the ſame,) that a great many of the Order, or related to it, have furniſhed him, for this preſent edition of his work, very readily, with their reſpective pedigrees, and family ac-

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counts, from the records and writings belonging to them; but, as many others, (as at the firſt,) have ſtill continued ſilent to our call upon them, we apprehend, we ſhall have no need, after this, to beſpeak the readers farther excuſe, as to the defects obſervable in ſuch accounts, for which the families themſelves, and not we, will be accountable to them: and yet we have not failed doing our beſt, towards filling up the chaſms to be found in them, which we have done however, with all due caution, to prevent miſtakes; as we have made it our care, no leſs throughout the whole, to ſpeak well of every one concerned, which we thought our ſelves obliged to do, when ſpeaking of an order, to which we muſt own our ſelves ſtrongly attached by inclination, as well as duty.

In this undertaking, the editor muſt acknowledge, that he has received very conſiderable aſſiſtance, towards bringing it to the perfection it now appears in, from ſeveral ſkilful antiquaries, and other gentlemen, and more eſpecially, that curious antiquary, the late Sir Holland Egerton, Bart. to whom he is indebted, not only for the uſe of his collections, and draughts of arms, (from which moſt of the coats, in the front of the work, are engraven,) but alſo for a great many materials, and genealogies, proper to it, he was ſo very obliging to communicate to him, though at that time, an abſolute ſtranger to him.

He muſt no leſs own himſelf to be very greatly obliged to Arthur Collins, Eſq; (the author of the *Peerage of England*, in 4 vol. lately publiſh'd,) for his part in aſſiſting him, who, at the requeſt of ſeveral of the order, communicated the accounts of their families, and furniſhed him likewiſe with what he had collected of ſeveral others.

The late Mr. William Holman, of Halſtead, in Eſſex, (who wrote the Antiquities of that county,) favoured him alſo with what he had collected of ſeveral families, both of that, and other counties.

To the viſitation-books, and MSS. courteouſly lent him by ſeveral gentlemen, he is equally in debt; and the printed antiquities of counties, have contributed their ſhare to the perfecting of his undertaking.

Among the MSS. however, he is under more than ordinary obligation to thoſe, collected by that very curious and

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and unwearied antiquary, Peter Le Neve, Esq; (late Norroy King at arms,) which he had the good fortune to meet with at the sale of them, which take in such a variety of materials, proper to such works, as have been of the greatest use to the editor, in his, and will still be of a great deal more, if it should be thought worthy hereafter of another impression.

As the accounts which are here inserted, will be seen to vary pretty much, (gentlemen taking their own method in putting them together,) it is hoped, that each Baronet, on viewing what is printed, will send us an account of what he observes either faulty, or deficient in his own family, or those of others within his knowledge, that whatever is wanting, or wrong, may be set right, and added to the work, whenever it may come to another edition.

Our design in it is, to publish the account of every family as full as possible, and to shew the antiquity of each, as far as it can be traced by sufficient authority, (for which, our vouchers appear at the bottom of the page,) with their descents, marriages, and issues, down to the present time, together with such historical memoirs, that bear relation, and serve to illustrate, or in any respect to do honour to them.

To these, we have added monumental inscriptions, which, as they are allowed to be an ornament to such collections, as giving us the best pictures of those persons, on whom they are made, we have endeavoured to procure as many of them as we could; though it is a thing very much to be wish'd, that in some of them, now published, more care had been used in having them correctly copied and pointed, (more particularly those which are done in Latin, where these helps are most wanted,) and indeed it is great pity, that such inscriptions were not more carefully engraven at the first, than many of them are found to be; especially such as are most ancient, in which, probably, the engravers want of skill, in the orthography, and language, has sometimes been rendered the greater, by the badness of the copy given him to engrave from: as this must be the editor's excuse to the more intelligent of his readers, for any mistakes of this nature, (which yet he has taken all possible pains to have corrected, by having recourse afresh to the

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chief of those inscriptions that are found faulty; but without effect; the mistakes being the same on the monuments themselves, he either met with in printed accounts, or had communicated to him by private hands,) so he would think himself greatly obliged to any curious persons, who shall enable him to set right any such errors they shall observe in his work, as now printed; or furnish him with those inscriptions they shall see wanting, if they relate to the heads of the families treated of, the several Baronets, and their ladies, or such others, members of them, that are done with elegance, or contain a character fit to be remembred by posterity: and this favour, he would more especially intreat of the reverend the clergy, who are most able to assist him with copies from their respective churches, and may easily find an opportunity of conveying them to him, for the further embellishing of his work, in any future impression.

The noble actions of persons famous in their generations, challenge, of course, a place in this history, as so many patterns worthy the imitation of posterity, and more so still, of their immediate descendants; as is no less proper, we should take notice of what preferments they severally obtained, or honours and dignities they arrived at, either in church or state; the times of their serving in parliament, and the places they served for; which have borne the office of sheriff, in what county, and in what reign, and year of it, as far as they are capable of being ascertained; and likewise, what charitable foundations, any of them have been the authors of; together with such other historical matters, as may render the accounts both entertaining and useful.

It is thought, the Baronets hereafter mentioned, are all that are in being, of the English creation; the strictest enquiry having been made in every county, to get the best information relating to those who are extinct; and 'tis hop'd r one are here inserted, tho' some have become extinct during the time of printing this book, so that such accounts and arms will be found, tho' the title has fail'd.

The accounts of those Baronets, who are Peers of Great-Britain, or Ireland, are not printed, their creations being swallowed up in higher titles, and their genealogies already publish'd, to which we refer; tho' vacant places are left in

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the arms, at the end of each reign, if it ſhould happen any Baronets title, may ſurvive the Peerage, as was the caſe of the preſent Sir George Savile, who became heir to this dignity, on the death of Sir John Savile, who ſucceeded the laſt marquis of Halliſax, of that name, in the title of Baronet; being deſcended from Sir George Savile, the firſt Baronet, and next heir male to this dignity, after the extinction of the Peers, who were the elder branch, derived from the eldeſt ſon, as the ſaid Sir John, and preſent Sir George, were, from the younger ſons of the firſt Sir George Savile, Bart.

'Tis believ'd, (notwithſtanding the great trouble and difficulty attending this work,) the arms are the moſt correct, and the omiſſions, or miſplacing, fewer, than in any book of this kind; all poſſible care having been taken to correct the errors, and ſupply the many defects of the printed liſts extant.

We have treated of this order of Baronets, at the latter end of this work, which contains many particulars omitted by moſt other authors, who have wrote upon this ſubject, eſpecially with reſpect to the privileges, precedencies, &c. of Baronets, their wives, ſons, and daughters; which is collected from patents, decrees, and eſtabliſhments of King James, and King Charles I.

Though the Baronets of Nova Scotia, (or Scots Baronets,) inſtituted by King Charles I. are not inſerted in this work, yet, as ſome few of that order, ſtill remaining, are of Engliſh families, we have been deſired, (and judged it not improper,) to add the accounts of theſe, at the end of it; but, for the reſt, we have wholly omitted them, as, beſides their not belonging to the order we purpoſely treat of, are not properly of our country, or reſident therein, as the others are; neither has it been thought proper to take notice of ſeveral, who, tho' they aſſume the title, have either no patent, or ſufficient authority for their ſo doing, to make out their claim to it; or elſe, tho' they themſelves may be truly within the limitations of a patent, the dignity has been forfeited long ſince, and extinguiſhed in their families, by an act of attainder; as, Sir James Harrington, of Ridlington, in Rutlandſhire, and others. We had, nevertheleſs, ſome thoughts of publiſhing the accounts of Sir Thomas Janſon, Sir James Bunce, Sir William Courtenay, and ſome others,

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whoſe anceſtors procured a ſign-manual for this title, but never took out their patents for it; and as they ſtill labour under this defect, we have therefore omitted them in this preſent edition.

It being a thing impracticable to obtain any information that can be depended on, of ſuch foreigners, as have had this title conferred upon them, a liſt only of their names, ſpecifying the times of their reſpective creations; as it is all that can be had, is as much therefore as can be reaſonably expected.

Some perſons have ſeem'd doubtful, whether Baronets may be properly ſtiled honourable; but ſince 'tis an epithet now given to their inferiors, viz. knights-bannerets, (not made by the King himſelf, perſonally preſent in the field of battle, by diſplaying the royal banner,) knights of the Bath, colonels, &c. it can't be thought unapplicable to Baronets, who have an eſtabliſh'd precedence of them.

Notwithſtanding the application made to every one of this order, it is ſurpriſing to ſee, how very indifferent ſome are ſtill about their anceſtors, and with what difficulty others were perſuaded to take any the leaſt pains, in furniſhing the accounts of them; enough to have diſcouraged any one from purſuing a deſign of this nature, if the editor had not been relieved and conſiderably aſſiſted by ſeveral curious and able gentlemen, as well of this order, as others, by which means the work is brought forward to the perfection it now has, and in which it preſents itſelf to the favourable acceptance of the publick.

N. B. The greateſt part of this work having been printed off, before the diſſolution of the late parliament, the alterations that have ſince happened, by the removal of ſome, and the choice of others into the new one, the reader is deſired to correct; as alſo thoſe, that have happened by deaths, marriages, &c. of which kind there have been a great many, ſince it firſt went to the preſs. Such informations and additions, as have, ſince then, come to hand, will be found in the appendix: the literal errors of the preſs, and falſe pointings, he is deſired likewiſe to excuſe; as he is alſo ſuch omiſſion of names in the index, as have been occaſioned by the cancelling of ſeveral leaves, after they were printed off.

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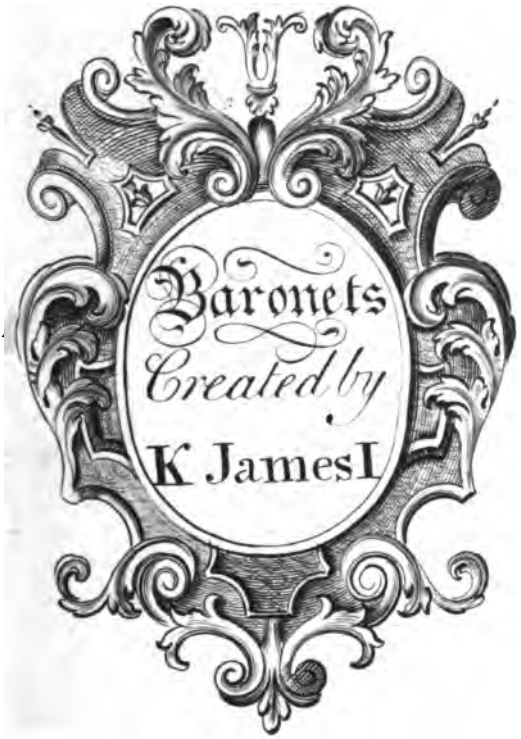

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of Garboldisham *in y.e County*
of Norfolk *Baronet;*
Whose Ancestor Sir Nicholas
Bacon *of* Redgrave *in* Suffolk,
was so Created by K. James I. *May.r* 2.
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1. Bacon of Redgrave

2. Stradling Ext.

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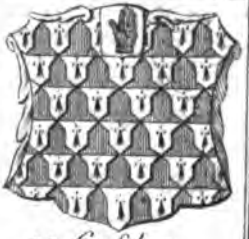

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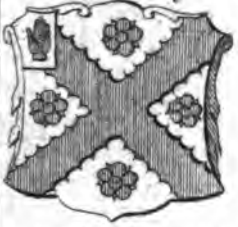

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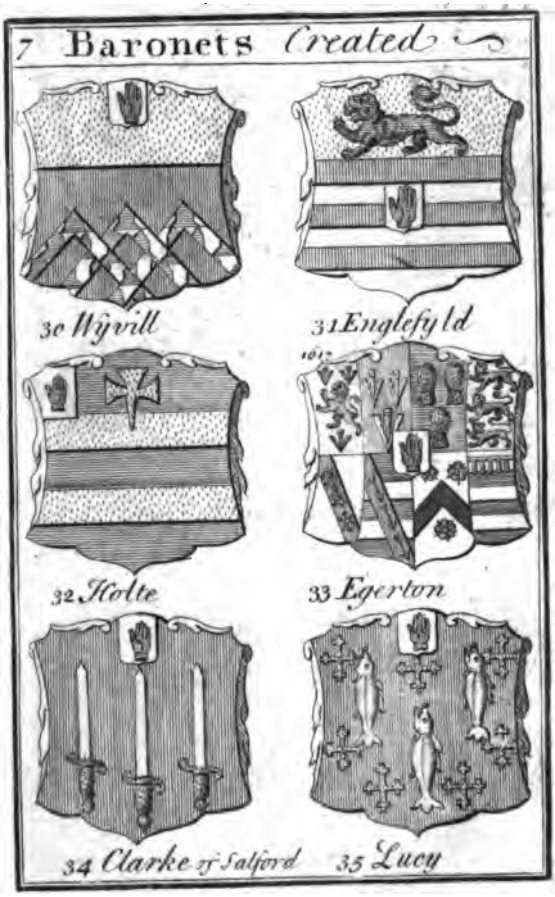

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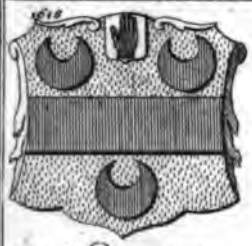

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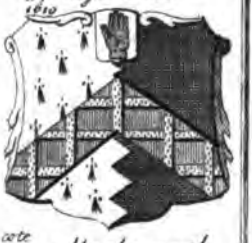

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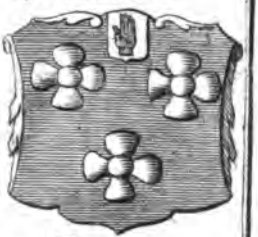

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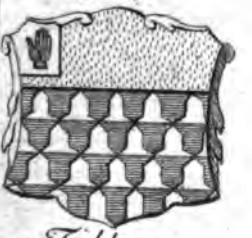

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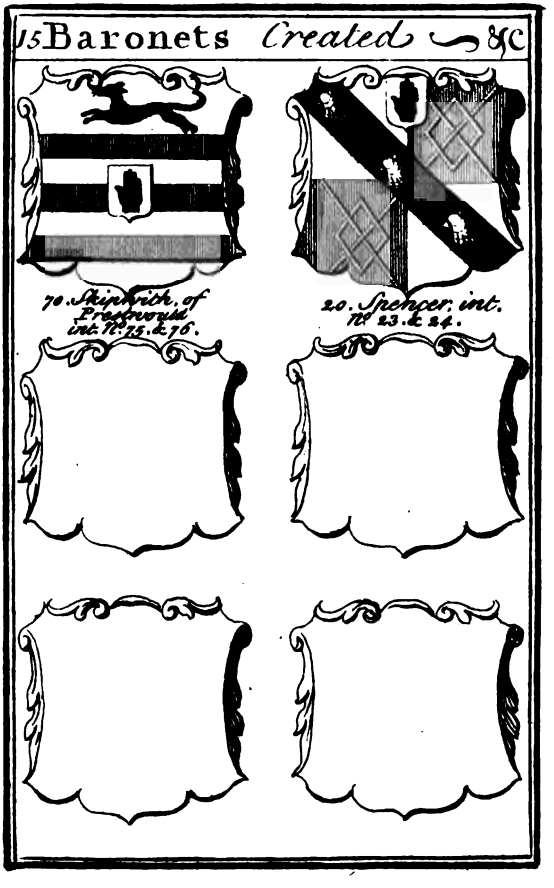

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BARONETS

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KING *JAMES* I.

1. BACON of Redgrave, Suffolk.

(Sir NICHOLAS, KNIGHT,)

Created Premier BARONET of England, May 22, 1611.

OF this name there have been many perſons of great account in former ages, but that particular family (*a*) of which we are now to treat, derive their deſcent from GRIMBALDUS, who came into England at the time of the Norman conqueſt, in cómpany with William Earl Warren, to whom he was related; whichGrimbaldus had lands in Normandy; and after his arrival in England, ſettled at Letheringſett near Holt in Norfolk, where he founded the church, and made his ſecond ſon Edmund parſon of it. His other ſons were Radulph and Ranulph.

Roger, the ſon of Ranulph, was father of Robert, the firſt of the family we find mentioned by the name of Bacon, whoſe brother William Bacon, was of Monks-Bradfield in the county of Suffolk, temp. Ric. I. and bore for his arms a beach-tree, proper, in a field, argent; which William is taken notice of among the knights bearing banners, as well Normans as of other provinces, in the reign of King Philip II. of France; and by —— his wife, daughter of Thomas, Lord Bardolph, was father of another William, of the ſame place, whoſe ſon Adam, lived in the time of Edw. I. and left iſſue two ſons, Wido Bacon of Bradfield aforeſaid, who died without Iſſue, and Robert Bacon of Heſſet, alias Hegeſett, in the ſaid county.

The ſaid Robert, by Alice his wife, daughter of —— Burgate, had iſſue John Bacon of Heſſet and Bradfield, who was father of John Bacon, and he of another John, of the ſame places, who married Helena, daughter of —— Gedding, and by her left a ſon of his own name, who married (firſt) Helena, daughter of

(*a*) This account is taken from the pedigree of the Hon. Sir Edmund Bacon, of Garboldiſham in Norfolk, Bart. drawn up by John Whiting, of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; temp. Car. II.

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Sir George Tillot, of Rougham in Norfolk, Knt. and (ſecondly) Julian, daughter of —— Bardwell; from which ſecond marriage proceeded the Bacons of Heſſet, who flouriſhed there near five hundred years, and have not been extinct above half a century.

John, ſon of the ſaid John Bacon, (by Helena his firſt wife,) married Margery, daughter and heir of John Thorp, ſon of William Thorp, (by the daughter and heir of —— Quaplod,) Son of Sir William Thorp (*a*) (by the daughter and heir of Sir Roger Bacon, a commander in the wars temp. Edw. II. & Edw. III. ſon of Sir Henry Bacon, ſon of another Sir Henry, a judge itinerant temp. Hen. III. lineally deſcended from Grimbaldus;) ſince which marriage this branch of the family quarter the arms of Quaplod with their own, viz. Barry of ſix, Or and Azure, a Bend, Gules.

The ſaid John Bacon, was father of Edmund Bacon of Drinkſton, who married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Crofts, by whom he had iſſue John Bacon, who married Agnes, daughter of Thomas Cockfield, and had iſſue Robert Bacon of Drinkſton, who lies buried at Heſſet, with Iſabell his wife, daughter of John Cage, of Pakenham in com. Suff. by whom he had iſſue three ſons and two daughters, viz. 1. Thomas Bacon, of Northaw in com. Hertf. who married the daughter of —— Brown, but died without iſſue. 2. Sir Nicholas Bacon, hereafter mentioned. 3. James Bacon Alderman of London, who died 1573. and lies buried at St. Dunſtan's in the Eaſt, London; leaving iſſue, 1. Sir James Bacon, of Friſton in Suffolk, Knt. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Bacon of Heſſet. 2. William; and one daughter Anne, married to George Revett of Brandeſton in Suff. The daughters of the ſaid Robert Bacon were, Barbara, married to Robert Sharp, and Anne to Robert Blackman, both of St. Edmondſbury in Suffolk (*b*).

Nicholas Bacon, ſecond ſon to Robert, was born at Chiſlehurſt in Kent, and educated at Corpus-Chriſti College in Cambridge, (to which he was a great benefactor, by endowing it with ſix ſcholarſhips, three whereof he appropriated to ſcholars from Boteſdale ſchool, near his ſeat at Redgrave, founded by himſelf, and building the chapel and library over it,) after which, removing to Gray's-Inn for the ſtudy of the law, he made ſuch a proficiency therein, that K. Henry VIII. in the 38th of his Reign, made him attorney of the court of wards, having before in the 36th year of his reign, granted him the manors of Redgrave, Boteſdale, and Gillingham, late belonging to the monaſtery of St. Edmundsbury in Suffolk, with the park of Redgrave, and ſix acres of land in

(*a*) Johannes filius Edmundi de Quaplode remiſit dno Willo de Thorp militi terras in villis Quaplode & Holbech dat. apud Quaplode ultimo Maii anno 23. E. III. ex autograph. penes P. Le Neve.—MSS. of the Baronets in the cuſtody of T. Wotton.

(*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets families, vol. I. p. 1.

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in Wortham, as also the tithes of Redgrave, to hold *in capite* by Knight's Service (*a*); and upon the death of that king, (which happened soon after,) he had his patent renewed 1 Edw. VI. (*b*). and in the 6th of the same king was constituted Treasurer of Gray's-Inn (*c*), of which society he was a member. Being grown still more famous for his knowledge, he had the honour of knighthood conferred upon him by Queen Elizabeth, in the first year of her reign (*d*), and was made lord keeper of the great seal of England, which office in his time was by act of parliament made equal in authority with that of the chancellor. He promoted the interest of England to his power, and to secure his own, made use of the policy of the age, viz. great alliance. He and Cecil marry'd two sisters; Walsingham and Mildmay, two more; Knolles, Essex, and Leicester, were also link'd together (*e*).

As to greatness, Sir Nicholas never affected it, according to his motto *Mediocria Firma*; nor was he so much for a large, as a good estate. His houses at Redgrave in Suff. and Gorhambury in com. Hertf. were convenient, but not stately; which made Queen Elizabeth tell him, when she call'd at Redgrave, in her progress, *That it was too little for his lordship.* To which he answer'd, *No, Madam, but your highness has made me too big for it.* However, on that remark he is said to have added the wings to the house now standing at Redgrave. Camden gives him this character, *Vir præpinguis ingenio accerrimo, singulari prudentia, summa eloquentia, tenaci memoria & sacris conciliis alterum columen* (*f*). Of person very corpulent, most quick wit, singular prudence, admirable eloquence, and another pillar to the privy-council. This corpulency of body grew on him in his old age, to which the queen alluding us'd to say, *Sir* Nicholas's *Soul lodges well.*

'He had the deepest reach into affairs of any man, that was 'at the council-table, the knottiest head to pierce into difficul-'ties; the most comprehensive judgment to surround the merit 'of a cause; the strongest memory to recollect all circumstances 'of a business to one view, the greatest patience to debate and 'consider, and the clearest reason to urge any thing that came 'in his way in court or chancery. His dexterity and dispatch 'advanced him to the court of wards, his deep experience made 'him lord keeper. Great was this statesman's wit, greater the 'fame of it. He was the exactest man to draw up a law in coun-'cil, and the most discreet to execute it in court. The excel-'lency of his parts was set off with the gravity of his person; 'his account of England and all its affairs was punctual; his use 'of learned artists was continual; his correspondence with his

(*a*) Chitting's tenures of Suffolk, MS, p. 154. (*b*) Pat. 1. Ed. 6. p. 3. m. 36. (*c*) Orig. Juridic. p. 298. (*d*) Pat. 1. Eliz. p. 3. (*e*) Lloyd's statesmen and favourites of England, p. 288. (*f*) Camd. Annal. Eliz. Reg.

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' fellow ſtateſmen exact; his apprehenſion of our laws and go-
' vernment, clear; his model of both, methodical; his faithful-
' neſs to the church, eminent; his induſtrious invention for the
' ſtate, indefatigable; he was that moderate man that was ap-
' pointed to preſide at the diſputation between the proteſtant
' and popiſh doctors in the firſt year of Q. Elizabeth; in a word,
' he was a father of his country, and of Sir Francis Bacon (*a*).

He died 21 Eliz. A. D. 1579, and was interr'd on the ſouth ſide of the choir of St. Paul's cathedral, London, where was a noble monument erected to his memory, before the Fire of London, with this epitaph.

(*b*) ' Hic Nicholaum me Baconem conditum exiſtima, illum tam
' diu Britannici Regni ſecundum Columen; exitium Malis, Bo-
' nis Aſylum; cæca quem non extulit ad hunc honorem ſors,
' ſed Æquitas, Fides, Doctrina, Pietas, unica & Prudentia: Neu
' morte raptum crede; qui unica brevi, vita perennes emeruit
' duas, agit vitam ſecundam cœlites inter Animos.
' Fama implet Orbem, Vita quæ illi tertia eſt. Hac poſitum
' in Ara eſt Corpus, olim animi Domus, Ara dicata ſempiter-
' næ Memoriæ.

He married two wives, firſt, Jane, daughter of William Fernley, of Weſt-Creting in com. Suff. Eſq; by whom he had iſſue three ſons and three daughters. The ſons were, 1. Sir Nicholas, of whom hereafter. 2. Nathaniel Bacon, of Stiffkey in Norfolk (*c*) Eſq; (who married two wives (*d*) 1ſt, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Greſham of London, Knt. by whom he had three daughters, his coheirs; 1. Anne, who being married to Sir Roger Townſhend of Rainham in Norfolk, anceſtor to the preſent Lord Viſc. Townſhend, brought the Stiffkey eſtate into that family; 2. Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Knyvet, of Aſhwelthorp in Norfolk; and 3. Winifrid, to Sir Robert Gawdy, of Claxton in Norfolk, Knts. Sir Nathaniel's ſecond wife was Dorothy, daughter of Sir George Hopton of Suffolk, Knt. by whom he had no iſſue.) 3. Edward Bacon, of Shrubland-Hall in Suffolk, Eſq; in right of his wife Helen, daughter and heir of Thomas Littel, of the ſame place, Eſq; and of Bray in the county of Berks, (by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and coheir to Sir Robert Litton, of Knebworth in com. Hertf. Knt.) from whom is lineally deſcended Nicholas Bacon, of Shrubland-Hall, Eſq; and from younger ſons of the ſaid Edward, are the Bacons of Ipſwich in Suffolk, and Earlham in Norfolk, deſcended (*e*). The Daughters were, 1. Anne, married to Sir Henry Wodehouſe, of Waxham in com. Norf. Knt. 2. [illegible] married firſt, to Sir Francis Windham, Knt. one of the juſtices of the common-pleas; ſecondly,

(*a*) Lloyd's ſtateſmen and favourites of England, p. 288, 289. (*b*) Dugdale's Hiſt. of St. Paul's cathedral, p. 71. (*c*) Le Neve in his MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 1. makes him a Knight. (*d*) Le Neve, ibid. (*e*) Le Neve MSS. ibid.

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condly, to Sir Robert Mansfield, Knt. and 3. Elizabeth, married firſt, to Sir Robert D'Oyly, of Chiſlehampton in Oxfordſhire, Knt. ſecondly, to Sir Henry Nevill, Knt. and thirdly, to Sir William Periam, Knt. lord chief baron of the exchequer.

Sir Nicholas's ſecond wife was Anne, daughter of Sir Anthony Cooke, of Giddy-Hall in com. Eſſex. Knt. by whom he had iſſue two ſons, 1. Anthony, who was legate at Venice, and chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter, and died at Eſſex-houſe in the Strand unmarried, before his Father; and 2. Sir Francis Bacon, Knt.

Sir Francis was born at York-place in the Strand, Jan. 22. 1560. (*a*). He ſhew'd ſeveral marks of an excellent genius when he was very young, ſo that he was particularly taken notice of by Queen *Eliz.* who delighted much in converſing with him, and trying him with queſtions, which he anſwer'd with a gravity and maturity ſuperior to his years; ſo that her Majeſty us'd frequently to call him, *The young lord keeper.* Being once aſk'd by the Queen, how old he was, he replied with a great deal of vivacity, tho' he was then but a child, *that he was two years younger than her Majeſty's happy Reign*; with which anſwer the Queen was prodigiouſly charm'd. June 10. 1573, he was matriculated in the univerſity of Cambridge, and enter'd into Trinity college, under the care of Dr. Whitgift, then maſter of the ſaid college, and afterwards Archbp. of Canterbury. After he had paſs'd thro' the circle of the liberal arts, his Father thought proper to qualify him for the management of public affairs, and ſent him over to France with Sir Amyas Paulet, Embaſſador to that court, who entruſted him with a commiſſion to the Queen, which he diſcharg'd with great approbation, and return'd to France, with an intention to continue ſome years; during his abſence his father died in 1579, upon which he return'd to England, and applied himſelf to the ſtudy of the common law, which he reſolv'd upon as his profeſſion. He was appointed one of the Queen's council extraordinary in the 28th year of his age, an honour which was ſcarce ever granted before. He was one of the firſt that argu'd that difficult caſe of *Uſes*, call'd *Chudleigh's Caſe*, which is reported by Sir Edward Coke. But the greateſt figure which he made in the ten laſt years of the Queen's reign, was in the Houſe of Commons; and then it is thought he applied himſelf to politics, ſo that the Queen and Lord Treaſurer Burghley employ'd his head and hand in affairs of ſtate. He made no conſiderable advances in his fortune, under Queen Elizabeth, but on the acceſſion of King James to the crown, he was ſoon rais'd to conſiderable honours. July 23. 1603, he was knighted at Whitehall, and the year

(*a*) General Dict. vol. 1. p. 549, who quotes Dr. Rawley, Mr. Stephens, A-Bp Tenison and others, for the ſeveral paſſages of this great man's life.

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following he was made one of the King's council learned in the law; and as his abilities had appear'd in council, in Parliament, and in his Profeſſion, and eſpecially in his Speeches which he made in the Houſe of Commons, he was in the year 1607 appointed Solicitor-general in the room of Sir Henry Hobart. In 1611 he was made joint Judge with Sir Tho. Vavaſor, then knight marſhall of the knight marſhall's court, and Oct. 27. 1613, he ſucceeded Sir Henry Hobart as attorney-general, and June 9. 1616 he was ſworn of the King's privy council, a truſt rarely conferr'd, either before or ſince, on a gentleman in that office. March 7. $161\frac{6}{7}$ he was appointed lord keeper of the great ſeal, and Jan. 4. 1618 he was made lord chancellor of England, and on the 11th of July following created lord Verulam, and Jan. 27. $162\frac{0}{1}$ he was advanced to the dignity of viſcount St. Albans, (*a*) and appear'd with the greateſt honour and ſplendor at the opening of the ſeſſion of Parliament on the 30th of that month. But he was ſoon after ſurpriz'd with a melancholly reverſe of fortune; for about the 12th of March following, a committee was appointed of ſome members of the houſe of commons, to inſpect the abuſes of the courts of juſtice, whereof Sir Robert Philips was appointed chairman. The firſt thing they fell upon, was *Bribery and Corruption*, of which the lord chancellor Bacon was accus'd by Awbery and Egerton, who affirm'd, that they had procur'd money to be given to him, to promote their cauſes depending before him. This being corroborated by ſome circumſtances, a report was made from the committee to the houſe upon the 15th of that month, yet with all imaginable tenderneſs and reſpect to his Lordſhip, *in regard*, as the chairman declar'd, *it touch'd the honour of a great man, ſo endued with all parts both of nature and art, as that he wou'd ſay no more of him, being not able to ſay enough.* Upon this a conference was had with the lords, and afterwards Baron Denham and the attorney-general were ſent by the lords with a copy of the charge againſt him, and after ſeveral meſſages, (*b*) on monday April 29, he ſent his confeſſion and ſubmiſſion to the houſe of lords, in which he confeſſed *ſome facts*, *denied others*, and endeavours to anſwer or explain the reſt in ſuch a manner, as to take off the malignity of the offence. But the lords taking this for a full and ingenuous confeſſion, ſent ſeveral of their members to ſee if the chancellor would own it, which he did in theſe words, *My lords, it is my act, my hand, my heart, I beſeech your lordſhips to be merciful to a broken reed.* This anſwer being reported to the houſe, the lords agreed to move the king to ſequeſter the ſeal; and on wedneſday, May 2, it was reſolved to give ſentence againſt him next morning, and accordingly he was ſummon'd to attend, but

(*a*) Dugdale's Baron. vol. 2.

(*b*) See the whole proceedings againſt him in ſtate-tryals, fo. vol. 1. p. 353.

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but he anſwer'd, *that he was ſick, and proteſted that he did not feign this for an excuſe, for if he had been well, he would willingly have come.* On May 3, 1621, the Lord Chief Juſtice pronounced the following judgment,

That the Lord Viſcount St. Albans, Lord Chancellor of England, ſhall undergo a fine and ranſom of 40,000 l. and that he ſhall be impriſon'd in the Tower during the king's pleaſure.

That he ſhall be incapable of any office, place, or employment in the ſtate or commonwealth, and never ſit in parliament, or come within the verge of the court.

The Prince of Wales and ſome others endeavour'd to have mitigated the ſeverity of this ſentence; and many of the lords, by way of excuſe for the rigour of it, told him afterwards, that they knew they left him in good hands, and it might be preſum'd, that the king, who, as his lordſhip writes, *had ſhed tears upon the news of his being accus'd*, would be indulgent and beneficent to him upon his Sentence.

There is a variety of opinions concerning his guilt in the points charged againſt him; Mr. Ruſhworth ſays (*a*) his decrees were generally made with ſo much equity, that tho' gifts render'd him ſuſpected for injuſtice, yet never any decree made by him was reverſed as unjuſt.

After the judgment given againſt him, and a ſhort impriſonment in the Tower, he retired from the engagements of an active life, to the ſhade of a contemplative one, which he had always loved. The firſt, or at leaſt the greateſt act of kindneſs, which the king extended to him, was the remitting the parliamentary fine, and granting it to ſome of his lordſhip's friends. In a letter to the king, dated July 30, 1624, wherein he uſes the moſt pathetic expreſſions, he implores his majeſty to grant him a total remiſſion of his ſentence, *to the end that the blot of ignominy might be removed from him, and from his memory with poſterity.* This requeſt very probably was granted him, for we find that he was ſummon'd to parliament in the firſt year of King Charles I. However it appears from the works, which he compos'd and deſigned during his retirement, that his thoughts were ſtill free, vigorous, and noble; and as Dr. Teniſon (afterwards Archbiſhop of Canterbury) obſerves (*b*) it did not appear by any thing during all the time of his eclipſe of fortune, that there was any abjectneſs of ſpirit in him; his writings ſhew a mind in him, not diſtracted with anxiety, nor depreſſed with ſhame, nor ſlow for want of encouragement, nor broken with diſcontent; ſuch vigour of conceit, ſuch a maſculine ſtyle, ſuch quickneſs in compoſition, appeared in his learned labours. The laſt five years of his life he devoted entirely to his ſtudies, a thing which he would often ſpeak

(*a*) Hiſtorical collections, vol. 1. p. 34. (*b*) In his Baconiana, p. 255.

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of during the active part of his life, as if he affected to die in the shade, and not in the light; in this recess he composed the greatest part of his latin and english works (*a*).

His lordship had happily escaped the plague, which infested the summer of the year 1625, and with some difficulty, being of a weak and tender constitution, pass'd the severe winter which followed; but going in the spring to make some experiment in *natural philosophy*, he was taken so ill, that he was obliged to stay at the Earl of Arundel's house at Highgate about a week, and there expired on Easter-day, the 9th of April 1626, in the 66th year of his age, of a gentle fever attended with a great cold, which occasion'd such a defluxion of rheum, that he was suffocated with it. He married Anne, daughter and heir of Benedict Barnham, Esq; Alderman of London, but died without issue, and was buried near his mother in St. Michael's church in St. Albans, according to the direction of his last will, and had a monument of white marble erected to him by Sir Thomas Meautys, who had formerly been his secretary. This Monument represented his full portraiture in a contemplative posture, with the following inscription written by Sir Henry Wotton.

Franciscus Bacon Baro de Verulam,
S. Albani Vicecomes; seu notioribus titulis,
scientiarum lumen, facundiæ Lex, sic
sedebat. Qui postquam omnia Naturalis
sapientiæ & Civilis arcana evolvisset,
Naturæ decretum explevit. Composita
solvantur, anno Dom. MDCXXVI. Ætatis
LXVI. Tanti veri Memoriæ
Thomas Meautus superstitis Cultor,
defuncti Admirator. H. P.

The learned Bayle says he was one of the greatest genius's of his age. Mr. Voltaire stiles him the father of experimental philosophy; and the greatest writers of our nation, as well as those of other countries, conspire in giving him the noblest character imaginable, and the late duke of Buckingham (Sheffield) in particular assures us, (*b*) *That all his works are, for expression as well as thought, the glory of our nation, and of all latter ages.* Dr. Rawley, who was his chaplain, observes, that he was eminent for the sharpness of his wit, his memory, judgment, and elocution, so that Sir Walter Ralegh once said before the doctor, that the Earl of Salisbury was an excellent speaker, but no good penman; the Earl of Northampton, and the Lord Henry Howard, excellent pen-men, but no good speakers; but that Sir Francis Bacon was eminent in both. He read much, and with great judgment, and after a moderate relaxation of his mind from study,

(*a*) A fine edition of which was published this Year 1740, in 4 vol. fol. with his life new wrote. (*b*) In his works oct. edit. 1740. vol. 1. p. 288.

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ſtudy, return'd to it with freſh vigour, and wou'd not ſuffer any moment to eſcape him without improvement. His converſation was extremely delightful and inſtructive. When his office call'd him, as he was one of the King's council, to charge any offenders, he did it with the greateſt lenity, and in civil affairs, as counſellor of ſtate, he never engaged his maſter in any ſevere or precipitate courſes. Neither was he leſs in favour with the ſubject than with his ſovereign, for he was always acceptable to the houſe of commons when he was a member thereof. He was generous to his ſervants, which was the cauſe, ſays Dr. Rawley, *that ſo many young gentlemen of blood and quality ſought to liſt themſelves in his retinue; and if he were abuſed by any of them in their places, it was only the error of the goodneſs of his nature, but the badges of their indiſcretions and intemperances.* He was religious, free from malice, *which*, as he ſaid himſelf, *he never bred nor fed.* No revenger of injuries. He never endeavour'd to remove others from their places, or accus'd any man to his Prince. In his will he has this remarkable paſſage, *for my name and memory, I leave it to mens charitable ſpeeches, and to foreign nations, and the next ages.*

Sir Nicholas Bacon, eldeſt ſon of the lord keeper, was poſſeſſed of a very large eſtate upon the death of his father, holding of the crown, 22 Eliz. by ſeveral (*a*) tenures of knights ſervice, the manors and advowſons of Redgrave, Hinderly alias Hylderſley, and Wortham, Ricklinghall alias Weſthall, and Wynerſton; alſo the hundred of Blackborne, with the rent of fifty-ſeven quarters of oats with annual ſuit and ſervice of the inhabitants within the pariſhes of Stow-Langtoft, Hunſton, Langham, Walſham, Aſhfilde, Barnham parva, Lyvermere, Culforde, Thorpe, Fakenham magna, Fakenham parva, Ixworth, Weſthowe, Wordwell, Ryſeworth, Watsfile, Rykenhall, Hynderly, Weſton, Bardwell, and Stawnton; likewiſe the manor of Aſhfield magna, and 40 meſſuages there, and in Little Aſhfield and Ixworth; alſo the manors of Mettingham, Illetſhall, and Sheap-meadow, with 60 meſſuages; 60 tofts in Mettingham, Bungaye, and the rectory of Mettingham; the manor of Bromfield, and 70 meſſuages in Bromfeld, Wenerſton alias Waynſton; the manors of Inham alias Ingham-hall; Tymworth, Barnham near Thetford, and Playford in Barnham, and 30 meſſuages, &c. in Ingham, with the advowſons of Ingham and Tymworth; the rectory and manor of Walſham; the liberties and franchiſes of St. Edmund's-bury; the manor and rectory of Tymworth, held of the manor of Ingham; alſo the manor and advowſon of Burgat (*b*). He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth at Norwich, in her progreſs thither, Aug. 22, 1578. and had afterwards the honour to be the firſt

(*a*) Tenuræ de com. Suff. per Chitting (Cheſter herald) MS. p. 168, 169, 170. (*b*) Ex Col. Tho. Jekyll de Bocking in com. Eſſex, Arm.

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firſt perſon advanced to the dignity of a baronet, then inſtituted by K. James I. in the 9th year of his reign. He married Anne, ſole daughter and heir of Edmund Butts, of Thornage in com. Norf. Eſq; (Brother to Sir William Butts, Knt.) by Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of Henry Buers, of Barrow in Suff. Eſq; By this lady Sir Nicholas came poſſeſſed *inter alia*, of the manor of Foxhead, and three parts of the eſtate of Sir Andrew de Buers, who lived temp. Edw. III. (*a*). and by her had iſſue nine ſons and three daughters. The ſons were, 1. Sir Edmund, his ſucceſſor; 2. Henry, who died at Jeruſalem without iſſue; 3. Sir Robert, of whom hereafter; 4. Bachevell Bacon, of Hockham in com. Norf. Eſq; (who married Mary, daughter of Thomas French in com. Eſſex, and left two ſons that died young, and three daughters who were coheirs to their brother, viz. Mary, married to Sir Robert Baldock, Knt. one of the judges of the common-pleas; Philippa, to Robert Keddington, Eſq; and Anne, to Nich. Rookwood, Eſq;) 5. Sir Butts Bacon, of Mildenhall in Suffolk, created Baronet July 29, 1627. (who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Henry Warner of Mildenhall, Knt. and relict of William, ſecond ſon of Sir Robert Jermyn, Knt.) anceſtor to thoſe late of Heringfleete, and to the preſent Sir Edmund Bacon, of Gillingham, Bart. (of whom in its proper place;) 6. Nicholas Bacon, of Gillingham in Norfolk, Eſq; (who married (*b*) 1ſt, a daughter of Sir James Weſton, baron of the exchequer, by whom he had only one daughter, married to Sir John Rous, of Henham in Suffolk, Bart. and 2dly, Margaret, daughter of Euſtace Darcy, of Norwich, Eſq; by whom he had Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Gillingham, Bart. ſo created Feb. 7. 1661 (*c*). which title expir'd with his ſon Sir Richard without iſſue; tho' the eſtate is in the preſent Sir Edmond, of Gillingham.) 7. Sir Nathaniel Bacon, of Culford in Suffolk, Knight of the Bath, who married Jane, daughter of Hercules Meautys, Eſq; (widow of Sir William Cornwallis, Knt.) by whom he had iſſue one ſon Nicholas, who died without iſſue male, and two daughters, Anne, (married, firſt, to Sir Thomas Meautys, Knt. ſecondly, to Sir Harbottle Grimſton, Bart.) and Jane, who died unmarried. Sir Nicholas had two other ſons that died young. The three daughters of Sir Nicholas the firſt Baronet, were, 1. Anne, married to Sir Robert Drury, of Hawſted in Suffolk, Knt. 2. Dorothy, married, firſt, to Sir Baſſingbourn Gawdey, of Harling in Norfolk, Knt. and, ſecondly, to Philip Colby, Eſq; 3. Jemima, to Sir William Waldegrave, of Smallbridge, Knt. Sir Nicholas, and his lady, lived fifty-two years together in wedlock, and dying within a ſhort time one of another, ſhe anno 1616, he not long after. They both

(*a*) Rot. Plac. Term. Mich. No. 435. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 2. (*c*) Byſhe's viſit. of Norf. and Le Neve's MSS.

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both lie buried in Redgrave church, under a moſt magnificent altar tomb, with both their effigies curiouſly carved in full proportion out of the fineſt white marble, with the following inſcriptions.

The Body of Nicholas Bacon Knight and
Baronet Lieth Here: He took to Wyfe Anne
Butts Sole Heyre to Butts, and Halfe Heyre to Bures
They Lived together .52. Yeares, When Death makinge
The Separation on Hir Part, He Erected This
Monument to Them Both. An° Domini 1616.

The Lady
Ann Bacon Wife to the ſame Nicholas Bacon
lyeth buryed in this place, by whom he had. 9.
ſonnes and .3. daughters, ſhe dyed in the .68
year of hir age, the .19. day of September.
An° Domini 1616. (*a*)

The inquiſition after the death of this Sir Nicholas, dated 7. Nov. 1. Car. I. ſays, he dyed 13. Nov. 22. Jac. I. and Sir Edmund Bacon, Knt. and Baronet, found ſon and heir of the ſaid Sir Nicholas and Anne his wife, and 50 years old. The manors he died ſeiz'd of were Thornage, Melton, Cockfeild, Edgefeild, Great Riburgh, Woodhall in Great and Little Riburgh, Egmore manor and advowſon, Choſel, Studdey, Bruningham, Gillingham manor and advowſon, St. Mary's and All-Saints, Hockham magna and advowſon in Norfolk; Redgrave, Mettingham Caſtle College Rectory, with many others in Suffolk and Eſſex; a feoffment recited in the inquiſition (*b*).

Sir Edmund, the eldeſt, ſucceeded his Father in the title and eſtate, and married Philippa, one of the daughters and coheirs of the right hon. Edward lord Wotton, Baron of Marley; but dying without iſſue April 10. 1649. lies buried at Redgrave aforeſaid, under a handſome mural monument, with this inſcription,

Within This Vault was laid The
Body Of Sir Edmond Bacon Knight
And Baronet The Eldeſt Son of Sir
Nicholas Bacon Baronet And the Husband
Of That Lady Philip Bacon mentioned
In The Other Table, April The 10th 1649.

This Graye Stone was Layd
Over the Bodye of The Ladye
Philip (*c*) Bacon Daughter To The
L. Edward Wetton Baron
of Marley and Wife to Sir
Edmond Bacon Knight
Barronet
The 1ſt of Octobe
1626. (*d*) He

(*a*) From the Inſcriptions in Redgrave church. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, in the family of Bacon, who quotes p. 1, p. 91. (*c*) Sic. (*d*) From the inſcriptions in Redgrave church.

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He was ſucceeded by Sir Robert, his next ſurviving Brother, known before by the denomination of Robert Bacon, of Riborough in Norfolk, Eſq; (an eſtate now in the family) where he moſtly reſided, and in that Pariſh Church was buried with the following inſcription.

> Robert Bacon of Redgrave, in the County of Suffolk, Bart. was buried the 16th of December 1655. and Dame Anne Bacon, his Wife, was bury'd the 27th of September 1640.

He married Anne, daughter of Sir John Peyton, of Iſelham in Com. Camb. Knight and Baronet, and had iſſue by her, nine ſons and three daughters, viz. Edmund, Nathaniel, Henry, Francis, and Drury, who all died young; Nicholas, who married Margaret, daughter and coheir of—— Hobart, of Thwayte in Norfolk, Eſq; but died without iſſue. The other ſons were, Robert the eldeſt, who married Catherine, daughter to Grave Violet, of Pynkney-houſe near Taterford in Norfolk, Eſq; and dying in his Father's life-time, Aug. 25, 1652, was buried at Redgrave, leaving iſſue one ſon, Edmund, ſucceſſor to his grandfather, and four daughters; 1. Jemima, married to Thomas Gardiner, of Eſſex, Eſq; and after to Sir John Brattel, Knt. Aſſay-maſter of the Tower of London; 2. Philippa, married to Sir George Reeve, of Thwaite, Knight and Baronet; 3. Frances, to Paul Bockenham, of Great-Thornam, Eſq; 4. Anne, to Edmund Yaxlee, of Yaxlee, Eſq; all in the county of Suffolk.

Butts Bacon, Eſq; another ſon of Sir Robert, married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Sir John Tracey, of Stanhow in Norfolk, Knt. and was Father of Sir Robert, hereafter mentioned.

Peyton Bacon, Eſq; another ſon, married Eliz. daughter of Charles Suckling, of Wotton in Norfolk, Eſq; Sir Robert's Daughters were, 1. Philippa married Hamond Claxton, of Levermore; 2. Anne, to Thomas Hunt, of Sharington; and 3. Alice, to Richard Gwyn, of Fakenham-Market, Eſqs;

Sir Edmund, only ſurviving ſon of Robert, aforeſaid, ſucceeding his grandfather in title and eſtate, married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Robert Crane, of Chilton in Suffolk, Knight and Baronet, by whom he had iſſue, ſix ſons and ten daughters; all of which, except four daughters, died unmarried before him. The ſons were, 1. Robert; 2. Nicholas; 3. Edmond; 4. Edmond; 5. Philip; 6. Francis. The daughters were; 1. Suſan; 2. Elizabeth; 3. Catherine; 4. Jemima; 5. Jane; 6. Sarah. Thoſe that married were, 1. Frances, to Walter Norborne, of Calne in the county of Wilts, Eſq; (by whom he had iſſue only two daughters, Elizabeth, married to Edward Viſcount Hereford, and Suſan, to Sir Ralph Hare, Bart.) 2. Suſanna, to Charles Morris, of Loddington in Com. Leiceſt. Eſq; 3. Elizabeth, to William

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liam Ettrick, of the Middle-Temple, Esq; and, 4, Philippa, to Sir Edmund Bacon, of Gillingham, Bart. (Grandfather of the present Sir EDMUND of that Place.) Sir Edmund Bacon, of Redgrave aforesaid, died Sept. 12. 1685, aged fifty-two, and lies buried in that Church, under a noble mural monument for him and his lady, with the following inscriptions.

In the Vault under this marble
lyeth the body of Sir Edmund Bacon of
Redgrave Baronet, who married
Elizabeth daughter of Sir Robert Crane
of Chilton-Hall in Suff. Knt. and Bart.
and lived with her in marriage 35 years,
had issue by her 6 Sons and 10 Daughters
He lived in the love and honorable
esteem of his country:
Loyal to his King, constant
to the government in church and state.
A generous Colonel
A good magistrate
A Just man.
A learned and most accomplisht Gentleman.
And Dyed
A pious Christian,
On the 12th day of September 1685
in the year of his age
52.

In the Vault of this Marble lyeth the Body of
Elizabeth Relict of Sir Edm. Bacon mentioned in the
other Table, by whom she had 6 Sons and 10 Daughters,
four of which only and no Sons lived to the
State of Marriage, and of these
Frances was married to Walter Norborne,
In the County of Wilts, Esq; who are dead
And left Issue Elizabeth Vicountess Hereford
And Susan
Elizabeth to Wm Ettricke of the midd. Temple Esq;
Susan to Cha. Morris of Loddington in Lestr. Sh. Esq;
Philippe to Sir Edmd. Bacon of Suff. Bart.
She was a Lady of Exemplary Piety and Vertue
a faithful Wife
A most Tender and Affectionate Mother
A prudent Governess of her Family
A most true and constant Friend
Most Eminently Charitable to the poor
Generous and great in her Beneficence
And having endured long Sickness
In satisfyed hopes of a blessed Immortality
She Committed her Soul to God and Departed this Life
Dec. the 6. 1690. in the year of her Age 57. (a) After

(a) From the Monuments in Redgrave Church.

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After Sir Edmond's Deceaſe without iſſue male, the title and part of the eſtate deſcended to,

Sir Robert Bacon, his couſin, ſon and heir to Butts Bacon, Eſq; which Sir Robert, was before ſeated at Egmore in Norfolk; and after the death of his couſin, Sir Edmund, was poſſeſſed of the eſtate at Redgrave; which deſcending to him under ſome Incumbrances, he thought convenient to ſell that eſtate to the lord chief-juſtice Holt, and afterwards purchaſed at Garboldiſham in Norfolk (*a*), where he built a handſome ſeat for the future reſidence of his family. He died Jan. 31. 1704. and lies buried in the chancel of All-Saints church in Garboldiſham, under a handſome monument, with this inſcription,

> Under this Marble is buried the Body of Sir Robert Bacon Baronet who departed this life on the 31ſt of January in the year of our Lord 1704. and of his Age .52. (*b*)

His lady lies buried in Wyghton-church in Norfolk, with the following inſcription over her; (*c*)

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Elimbetha Dni Robti Bacon de Egmere Baronetti
Pia Conjux una cum gemino foetu nuper edito
quem alterutrâ amplectens ulnâ ſecum hinc tulit decem.
21. Anno 1686. ſuperſtite adhuc prole natorum 4. filiarum 2.

He left iſſue by the ſaid Elizabeth his wife, daughter to Daniel Chandler, of London, Eſq; two ſons, Sir Edmund, his ſucceſſor, and Butts, who died unmarried 1725-6, (Nathaniel and Robert, his two other ſons, having died young before him) and two daughters Abigal, and Jane, who died unmarried.

Sir EDMUND BACON, of Garboldiſham in Norfolk, the preſent Baronet, repreſented the borough of Thetford in parliament the 9th; and the county of Norfolk, the 12th of Queen Anne; and was alſo choſen one of the Knights of the Shire for the ſaid county in the laſt parliament; and is one of the Knights of the Shire for Norfolk, in the preſent parliament, which was ſummon'd to meet June 13, 1734. He married in November 1712, Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Kemp, of Ubbeſton in Suffolk, Bart. (and ſole heir to her mother, Letitia, daughter to Robert King, of Great Thurlow in the county of Suffolk, Eſq;) which lady died Sept. 1727, leaving only four daughters, Letitia, married to Armine Wodehouſe, Eſq; ſon and heir apparent to Sir John Wodehouſe, of Kimberly in Norfolk, Bart. and one of the repreſentatives in parliament for the ſaid county; Mary, and Sarah, who are unmarried; and Elizabeth, who died unmarried, May 1738.

ARMS:

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Ed. Bacon. Bar. (*b*) Le Neve's ſupplement to his Monumenta Anglicana, p. 206. (*c*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. v. 3. p. 86.

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ARMS: Quarterly, fifteen Coats.

1. Bacon: Gules, on a Chief, Argent, two Mullets, Sable, with an Inescutcheon of Ulster.

2. Butts: Azure, on a Cheveron, Ermine, between three Etoiles, as many Lozenges, Gules.

3. Bacon, of Baconsthorp, (Antient,) Gules, a Boar Passant, Or.

4. Buers: Ermine, on a Chief indented, Sable, two Lions Rampant, Or.

5. Royden: Cheque, Argent and Gules, a Cross, Azure.

6. Fermor: Ermine, a Cheveron, Sable, between three Roses, Gules, seeded and leaved, Proper.

7. —— Per Bend Wavy, Or and Sable.

8. Cornard: Azure, a Fess between two Cheverons, Or.

9. Rheims: Sable, a Cheveron, Ermine, between three Lions Rampant, Argent.

10. Poynings: Barry of Six, Or and Vert, a Bend, Gules.

11. Thorp: Cheque, Or and Gules, on a Fess, Argent, three Martletts, Sable.

12. Quaplod: Barry of Six, Or and Azure, over all a Bend, Gules.

13. —— Ermine, two Bars Gemells, Gules.

14. —— Azure, three Oak Leaves, Or.

15. BACON: As the First.

CREST: On a Wreath of the Colours, a Boar Passant, Ermine.

MOTTO: *Mediocria Firma.*

The Family now generally bears only the Arms of Bacon and Quaplod, Quarterly.

SEAT: At *Garboldisham* in *Norfolk*.

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2. HOGHTON of Hoghton-Tower, Lancashire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

THIS family anciently written de Hocton, and Hoghton, have been of great eminency in the county of Lancaster, in former ages, and were denominated, from their possessions; Hoghton tower, a stately and large stone edifice, built upon an high, but very steep hill, in the middle of a park in the hundred of Leyland. The first mention'd, is Adam de Hocton, (*a*) who held one carucat of land in Hocton, temp. Hen. II. whose great grandson was Sir Adam de Hoghton, written Knight 50 Hen. III. and 11 Edw. I. he is mentioned among the witnesses to a charter of Henry duke of Lancaster (*b*), to the abbey of Whaley, in com. Lanc.

(*a*) Ex Collect Reg. Dodsworth. (*b*) Monast. Angl. vol. I. Rot. Pipe 29. E. I.

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Lanc. 34 Edw. I. He had two ſons, Richard, ſtil'd Filius dom. Adæ, 2 Edw. I. and Adam de Hoghton, ſtil'd alſo in deeds, Filius dom. Adæ, 20 Edw. I. and afterwards Frater magiſtri Richardi: Which Richard was ſheriff of the county of Lancaſter, 29 Edw. I. an office in thoſe days of great truſt and authority. He had a ſon Richard, who, dying without iſſue, the eſtate came to his couſin and heir, another Richard de Hoghton, ſon of Adam de Hoghton. Which Richard was a Knight, and in 16 Edw. II. with Sir Gilbert de Singilton, Knt. were returned knights of the ſhire for the county of Lancaſter, in the parliament held at York (*a*), and had their wages allow'd for attendance, &c. In 1 Edw. III. (*b*) he paid 13*s.* 9*d.* for a third part of one knight's fee in Hoghton, Cleton, Penwortham, Wheleten cum Hepay, which he held of the dutchy of Lancaſter: which Richard de Cleton and Richard de Feton held before. In the ſame year he and Edmund de Nevyle ſerv'd as knights of the ſhire for the afore-mention'd county, as alſo in the 11th of that King's reign, and had their wages allow'd. He dy'd 14 Edw. III. (*c*) having not a little increas'd the eſtate, by means of his wife Sybill, daughter and heir to Henry de Lea, who had great poſſeſſions, and were owners of the manour of Molington Banaſter, in com. ceſtr. (*d*) in right of Clementia, daughter of Robert Banaſter, baron of Manaton, and wife of William de Lea, who receiv'd the ſame from her father in frank marriage; and altho' theſe Lea's ſometimes ſeal'd with five Maſcles in Bend for arms, and differ'd in the writing their names; yet were they nevertheleſs a cadet of the firſt dinaſty of the Lancaſters, primitively barons of Kendal, in com. Weſtmorland. and lineal deſcendants from Ivo Talbois earl of Anjou in France, and barons of Kendal, temp. W. Conq. Their uſual arms were Argent, three Bars, Sable; the reverſe of which colours the family of Hoghton now bear.

The ſaid Richard, by his wife Sybill, afore-mention'd, had iſſue Adam de Hoghton, and a daughter nam'd Sybill, the wife of William, ſon of Richard de Bold.

Adam, laſt mention'd, is ſtil'd a knight in deeds, 22 Edw. III. in which year he and John Cockaine ſerv'd in parliament, as knights of the ſhire for the county of Lancaſter, and had for their expences, 15 *l.* 4*s.* for thirty days (*e*). In the 37th of that king's reign he ſerv'd again, as knight for that ſhire; as alſo in the 39th; and had, with the other knight, 17 *l.* 4*s.* for forty three days attendance. (*f*) He died 10 Rich. II. leaving iſſue by Ellen his wife, who ſurviv'd her huſband, two ſons, Richard and

(*a*) Pryn's Parl. Regiſt. Vol. 4. de iiſd. Ann. (*b*) Extract Rec. Tur. Lond. 1 E. III. penes Ro. Bradſhaigh, Bart. (*c*) Eſcheat 14 E. III. (*d*) Ex Autograph. penes H. Hoghton, Bart. (*e*) Pryn prædict. de iiſd. Ann. (*f*) Eſch. 10. R. II.

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and Henry, and as many daughters. Agnes the eldeſt, was wife to Sir Thomas, ſon of Sir Adam Banaſter, Kt. and Sibyll, to William, Brother of that Sir Thomas. Sir Henry de Hoghton, the youngeſt ſon, was one of the Knights of the Shire for the county of Lancaſter, 9 Henry IV *(a)*. and was progenitor to thoſe of the name of Pendleton, in that county, which, in after-times, went off in two heirs females; Catherine, marry'd to a younger ſon of Hoghton of Hoghton, as hereafter is mention'd; and Mary, firſt married to George Singleton of Stayning, and ſecondly, to Liveſey Coner.

Richard de Hoghton, elder brother to the laſt Henry, was return'd with Robert de Clifton, as Knights of the Shire for Lancaſter, 6 Richard II. as alſo 4 Henry IV. with Sir Nicholas de Haverington, Kt. In which year the Sheriffs were directed to levy 27 *l.* for their coming, attendance, and returning, computing ſixty nine days; 38 Edward III. *(b)* he had licenſe to incloſe and impark at Hoghton *(c)*. He was a Knight, founded a Chantry in the Church of Riblecheſter *(d)*, 7 Henry IV. and died 10 Henry V *(e)*. leaving a daughter, Catherine, married to Hugh Venables *(f)*, Baron of Kinderton, and his grandſon Richard, ſon of Adam de Hoghton, heir to the eſtate. He had alſo another ſon Edward, who held lands at Preſton and Writtington, and is ſuppoſed to be the anceſtor to the Hoghtons in com. Suſſex. who are ſaid to be deriv'd from Edward, a third ſon of this family *(g)*.

Richard, grandſon and heir of Sir Richard, did his homage, and had livery of his lands in Hoghton and Lea, 4 Henry VI. was a Knight 22 Henry VI. and died 19 Edward IV *(h)*. He had five ſons, Lawrence, Alexander, William, Thomas, who married Anne, daughter of Oliver Culcheth, and Edward; the two laſt died without iſſue; Lawrence ſucceeded in the eſtate, and dying the ſame year,

Alexander, his brother, and next heir, is found to be poſſeſſed of the inheritance, and was aged twenty ſix years, 19 Edward IV *(i)*. when the office was taken. In the 22d of that King's reign, having valiantly behav'd himſelf under the Duke of Glouceſter, in Scotland, he was made Knight Banneret *(k)*, with ſeveral others of prime note, on St. James's eve. He deceas'd 15 Henry VII. leaving a ſole daughter and heir, aged eleven years at the time of the Inquiſition; and 17 Henry the VIIth, her mother Elizabeth, daughter of William Troutbeck, had aſ-

C ſignation

(a) Pryn prædict. p. 484. (b) Ex Autog. penes Ro. Bradſhaigh, Bart. (c) Quod Ricardus de Hoghton miles poſſit elargare parcum ſuum de Hoghton, Lanc. Pat. 15. R. 2. p. 1. Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 8. (d) Ex Collect. Rog. Dodſworth prad. (e) Eſch. 10 Hen. 5. (f) Le Neve's MSS. vol. 1. p. 8. (g) Viſit. Suſſex, Anno 1634. (h) Eſch. 19 Edw. 4. (i) Inquiſit. poſt. Mort. de eod. anno. (k) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott.

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ſignation of dower. The greateſt part of the eſtate deſcended to his next brother and heir,

William Hoghton Eſq; third ſon of Richard,

Which William, was in the expedition into Scotland, under the duke of Glouceſter, and received from him the honour of Knighthood, at the ſame time his brother, Sir Alexander, was made a Banneret. He purchaſed lands in Ingolhead, 11 Henry VII. and died in the 17th of that King's reign, leaving iſſue by Mary his wife, daughter of Sir John Southworth of Samleſbury, Knt. Richard his ſon and heir, aged thirty years.

This Richard was afterwards knighted, and ſerv'd with Thomas Butler, as Knights of the Shire for the county of Lancaſter, 1 Edward VI. He married four wives *(a)*, firſt Alice, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Aſſheton of Aſſheton Under-Line, in com. Lanc. Knt. and couſin and heir of Sir James Harrington of Wolphage, in com. Northampton. Knt. by whom he left iſſue Thomas, his ſon and heir, aged forty years at the death of his father, 1 Eliz. Alexander, and Iſabella, married to Holden of Duxbury.

His ſecond wife was Alice, daughter of Morley, by whom he had Thomas, Rowland, and Richard; Agnes, wife of Richard Butler of Rawcliffe, Alice and Anne.

His third wife was Elizabeth, daughter of John Grigſon, and the fourth, Anne, daughter of Roger Browne of Whitney *(b)*. By the two laſt, he left no iſſue.

Thomas, the eldeſt ſon and heir married Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Gerard of Bryne, in com. Lanc. Knt. and died 22 Elizabeth, leaving Jane, his daughter, and heir, 26 years old at his death, and at that time wife to James, ſon and heir of Roger Bradſhaigh of Haigh, in com. Lanc. Eſq; who had a great conteſt about the eſtate, which was at length decided for Alexander, ſecond brother, and next heir male to Thomas, father of Jane aforementioned.

Which Alexander Hoghton Eſq; married twice, firſt to Dorothy, only daughter of Richard Aſſheton of Middleton, in com. Lanc. Eſq; by Catherine his ſecond wife, daughter of Sir Robert Bellingham, Knt. and afterwards to Elizabeth, ſiſter of Thomas and Bartholomew Heſketh, Eſqs. and widow of George Warburton, Eſq; but he left no iſſue by either of them; whereupon the eſtate deſcended to Thomas his half brother, viz. eldeſt ſon to Sir Richard Hoghton laſt mentioned, by his ſecond wife Alice, daughter of —— Morley.

Which Thomas, was ſheriff of Lancaſhire, 6 Eliz. *(c)* and was killed in the 49th year of his age, at Lea-Hall, (an eſtate now in

(a) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. 1. p. 8. *(b)* Viſit of Lanc. D. 3. fo. 20. Le Neve's MSS. ibid. *(c)* Fuller's Worthies, p. 123. in Lanc.

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in the family) by —— Langton of Newton, commonly called Baron of Walton and Newton, 21 Nov. 32 Elizabeth, 1589. His wife Anne, daughter of Henry Kighley of Kighley, in com. Lanc. Eſq; (ſon and heir (*a*) of Sir Henry Kightley alias Kighley, Knt.) became afterwards ſecond wife to Sir Richard Sherburn of Stonyhurſt, Knt. She died at Lea, 30 Octob. A. D. 1609, aged 60 years; having iſſue by her firſt huſband, 1. Sir Richard, Knt. and Bart. 2. William of Grimſargh, who died A. D. 1642, and left poſterity, which lately became extinct, and the eſtate devolv'd to the head branch of the family. 3. Thomas, who married Catherine, one of the daughters and co-heirs of John Hoghton of Pendleton, Eſq; and left four daughters his co-heirs. 4. Adam of Lea-Moor, who left poſterity. And, 5. Henry, who married Anne, daughter of Lawrence Townley, Eſq; alſo two daughters, Mary, ſecond wife to Thomas Walmſley of Dunkenhalgh, in Lancaſhire, Eſq; and Catherine, wife of Thomas Middleton of Leighton, Eſq;

Sir Richard Hoghton of Hoghton, eldeſt ſon of Thomas, was under age at his father's death, and in ward to Sir Gilbert Gerard: He ſucceeded to a very great eſtate, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, and ſheriff of Lancaſhire the forty-firſt year of her reign (*b*), and made a Baronet with the firſt advanced to that dignity. He ſerv'd in ſeveral parliaments as Knight of the Shire for the county of Lancaſter, entertain'd King James I. at Hoghton-Tower, for ſeveral days, when that King called there in his progreſs into Scotland, Anno 1617, and died 12 Nov. A. D. 1630, aged 60 years, 6 weeks, and 2 days. He married Catherine, daughter of Sir Gilbert Gerard of Gerard's Bromley, in com. Staff. Knt. maſter of the Rolls, who died 17 Nov. 1617, aged 48 years and 6 months: He had by her 5 ſons and 8 daughters; 1. Gilbert. 2. Thomas. 3. Richard. 4. Ratcliff. And 5. Roger, ſlain in Germany. The laſt three left no iſſue. Of the daughters, Anne, married firſt Sir John Cotton of Landwade, in com. Cantab. Knt. and afterwards Sir John Carleton of Brightwell, in com. Oxon. Knt. and Bart. Catherine, was wife to James Stewart, Lord Galloway; Elizabeth, to Nicholas Girling, Eſq; Gilibert, was married to Sir George Muſcamp of the county of Northumberland, Knt. Frances, Alice, Margaret and Eleanor, all died unmarried.

Sir Gilbert, his ſucceſſor, was 39 years old at the death of his father, and was knighted at Whitehall, July the 21ſt, 1606. He was in great favour with King James I. whom he ſerv'd at court ſeveral years; and after his death, honourably di-

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 8. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies, ibid

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ſtinguiſhed his loyalty to King Charles I. Hoghton-Tower, in thoſe unhappy times, ſerv'd as a garriſon, and part of it was blown up by accident, which is ſince rebuilt. Sir Gilbert ſerv'd alſo ſeveral years in parliament as Knight of the Shire for the county of Lancaſter; was an accompliſh'd gentleman, and, by a prudent management, made acquiſitions to the eſtate that deſcended to him. He died in April, 1647, having married Margaret, the eldeſt of the four daughters and co-heirs of Sir Roger Aſton of Cranford in Middleſex, Knt. gentleman of the bed-chamber, and maſter of the great wardrobe to King James I. to which Sir Roger, the ſaid King, by writ under the privy-ſeal, in the 9th year of his reign, granted to his coat-armour, an augmentation out of the two national badges of England and Scotland, viz. the Roſe of England, and the Thiſtle of Scotland impaled, in a Canton Or, in regard of the marriage of the ſaid Sir Roger, with Mary, daughter of Andrew Stewart, who died in the life-time of his father Andrew Stewart, Lord Avingdale (*a*) in Scotland, deſcended from the blood royal: Sir Gilbert's deſcendants therefore, bear the ſame in right of his lady, who died Dec. 23, 1657 (*b*), and bore him ſix ſons and four daughters.

1. George, the eldeſt ſon, died young.
2. Richard, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate.
3. Roger, who was ſlain by a cannon-bullet at Heſſam-moor, A. D. 1643.
4. Gilbert, major in the regiment of Sir Gilbert Gerard, Knt. governor of Worceſter; married to Lettice, daughter and co-heir of Sir Francis Gamull of Cheſter, Knt. and died anno 1661.
5. Thomas, died young.

And 6. Henry, captain of horſe under the Earl of Derby, who took to wife Mary, daughter of Peter Egerton of Shaw in Lancaſhire, Eſq; and relict of Sir Thomas Stanley of Bickerſtaff, in Lancaſhire, Bart.

Of the daughters, Catherine, married Thomas Preſton of Holker in Lancaſhire, Eſq; Mary, Sir Hugh Calverly of Lee in Cheſhire, Knt. Margaret, Alexander Rigby of Middleton, in Lancaſhire, Eſq; and Anne died young.

Sir Richard Hoghton, Bart. who ſucceeded his father in the title and eſtate, was elected Knight of the Shire for the county of Lancaſter, in the reign of King Charles II. and departed this life, Feb. 167$\frac{7}{8}$. One who knew him well (*c*), gives this character of him: 'It has pleaſed Almighty God, by a ſudden 'ſtroke to make a ſad breach in a worthy family, in taking away 'the

(*a*) Ex Stemmate penes Hen. Hoghton, Bart. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. ibid. (*c*) Dr. Seth Buſhell, who preached his funeral ſermon at Preſton, Feb. 14. 1677. *See* Memorials and Characters of eminent Perſons, in fol. p. 268.

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'the chief head thereof; a perſon of great worth and honour, 'of an honourable extraction, of a generous diſpoſition, and of a 'courteous, kind, and affable temper, whoſe high degree was 'ſo ſeaſoned with an humble carriage towards all inferiors, as 'laid upon them a juſt obligation for true honour and ſervice.

'He was free and hoſpitable in the entertainment of his friends, 'and moſt pleaſed with their kind and chearful viſits. His com-'portments at home and abroad were like himſelf, ever beſpeak-'ing a generous and worthy mind; and ſuitable to that eminency 'of intereſt and repute, which upon juſt accounts he held in his 'country.

'Twas his great and deſerved commendation, that he was free 'from thoſe vices, which are the grand ſtains of true honour; I 'mean intemperance, debaucheries, revelling, diſſolute prac-'tices, profligate courſes, and the like; in a word, I may truly 'ſay, that the country has loſt a good patriot, the gentry an e-'minent perſon in their number, the poor neighbourhood a con-'ſtant and charitable ſupporter, his friends an hoſpitable re-'ceiver, kindred an honourable and reſpective relation, ſervants 'have loſt a good maſter, children an indulgent father, an ho-'nourable and virtuous lady a dear conſort.' He married lady Sarah, daughter to the right hon. Philip Stanhope, earl of Cheſterfield, and had iſſue ſeveral ſons and daughters; of the ſons, thoſe who arrived to maturity were Sir Charles his ſucceſſor, and Benjamin, who died unmarried.

Sir Charles, who ſucceeded to the title and eſtate, married Mary, eldeſt daughter of John Skevington, lord viſcount Maſſareene in the kingdom of Ireland, by whom he had iſſue 5 ſons and 6 daughters (*a*); of the ſons, John, the eldeſt died at the age of 21 years, whilſt he was purſuing his ſtudies in the Temple, and is interr'd in the church there. Sir Henry, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate; Philip, maried the eldeſt daughter of Thomas Sclater of Denham, Eſq; by whom he has one ſon, Henry, and one daughter: Skevington, is unmarried, and James, died young. Of the daughters, Mary, the eldeſt, died at Cheſter, 1710. Cordelia, married Robert Davie of York, Eſq; (and had two daughters, who are both dead.) Anna, married Samuel Crooke of Coppul, Eſq; (who was kill'd (*b*) by Mr. Buckley, in the road between Hoghton-Tower and Preſton, and has left one ſon.) Margaret, married Samuel Watſon of Hull, Eſq; (by whom ſhe has one ſon and one daughter,) Elizabeth, married Thomas Fenton of Hounſlett, near Leeds, Eſq; (and has left 8 ſons and 2 daughters,) Lucy, married Thomas Lutwidge of Whitehaven, Eſq; (and has 7 ſons and 1 daughter.)

Sir Charles Hoghton, Bart. was there times elected Knight of the

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Hen. Hoghton, Bart. (*b*) Ibid.

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Shire for the county of Lancaſter, in the reigns of King Charles II. King James II. and King William III. He died at Hoghton-Tower, 10th June, 1710, and was buried at Walton amongſt his anceſtors, with the following inſcription over him:

> Near this Place is interr'd the Remains of Sir Charles Hoghton, Bart. who was very exemplary for his Piety and Uſefulneſs to his Family and others. He died the 10th of June, 1710, much lamented, in the 67th Year of his Age(*a*).

He was ſucceeded in honour and eſtate by his ſecond ſon,

Sir Henry Hoghton, the preſent Baronet, who hath married three wives, firſt, (in Oct. 1710) (*b*) Mary, eldeſt daughter of Sir William Boughton of Lawford, in com. Warw. Bart. who died at Dover, 1720. After her deceaſe, he married lady Ruſſel, relict of Lord James Ruſſel, fifth ſon of William, the late duke of Bedford; ſhe died, Sept. 1736. by neither of whom he hath any iſſue; and ſince her death is married to Suſanna, eldeſt daughter of Thomas Butterworth of Mancheſter, Eſq; but hath as yet no iſſue. He ſerved in parliament for the borough of Preſton in Lancaſhire, in 9 Q. Anne; and alſo again for the ſame corporation in 1 Geo. I. and 8 Geo. I. he ſerv'd in parliament for Eaſtlow in Cornwall; and in the laſt, and preſent parliament was again elected for Preſton; and for his ſignal ſervices in oppoſing the rebellion at Preſton in the year 1715, was choſen in parliament one of the commiſſioners for the forfeited eſtates, and after that commiſſion determined, his preſent Majeſty appointed him by patent, advocate-general or judge-martial of his land forces: He is the 5th that hath born this title of Baronet, and the 19th generation of the ſurname on record.

ARMS: Sable, three Bars Argent. With the augmentation of the Roſe of *England* and the Thiſtle of *Scotland*, impaled, in a Canton Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Bull Paſſant Argent; they bore anciently, a Bull's Head Argent, collar'd with three Bars ſable.

SUPPORTERS: Over the Gates of *Hoghton-Tower*, put up the beginning of the Reign of Queen *Elizabeth*: Two Bulls Argent.

MOTTO: *Malgre le Tort.*

SEATS, *Hoghton-Tower*, and *Walton-Hall*, both in *Lancaſhire.*

(*a*) Le Neve's Monumenta Anglicana, from 1700 to 1715. p. 188. (*b*) Ex Infor. Dom. Hen. Hoghton, Bar.

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3. PEYTON of Iſelham, Cambridgeſhire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

THIS family, as Mr. Camden obſerves, derive themſelves from the Uffords (*a*), Earls of Suffolk, who deſcended from William Malet, a Norman Baron (*b*), that was ſheriff of Yorkſhire in the third of William I. and from him received the grants of many lordſhips and manours; and among others, he poſſeſſed thoſe of Sibton and Peyton-Hall, in com. Suff. (*c*), at the time of the general ſurvey. 'Iſelham, ſays the author firſt cited, 'formerly belonged to the Bernards, which came to the family 'of the Peytons by marriage. Which knightly family of Pey-'ton, flower'd out of the ſame male ſtock, whence the Uffords, 'earls of Suffolk, deſcended; albeit they aſſumed the ſurname 'of Peyton, according to the uſe of that age, from their manor 'of Peyton-Hall in Boxford, in the county of Suffolk.

The firſt of whom was Reginald de Peyton (*d*), ſecond ſon of Walter, lord of Sibton, (a deſcendant of the Malets) and dapifer, or ſteward to Hugh de Bigod; for whoſe ſoul he gave to the priory of Thetford divers lands. He had iſſue two ſons, William and John.

Mr. Le Neve ſays thus (*e*);

The firſt of whom we find by the name of Peyton was Reignold de Peyton, ſecond ſon to Walter lord of Sibton, in Suffolk, younger brother to Mallet, ſheriff of Yorkſhire, and lord of the honour of Eay in Suffolk. This Reignold held the lordſhips of Peyton-Hall in Ramſhold and Boxford, in Suffolk, of Hugh de Bigod; he was ſewer to Roger Bigod, Earl of Norfolk, and gave much lands to the monks of Thetford to pray for the ſoul of Hugh Bigod, and had two ſons, William and John.

William de Peyton held certain lands in Boxford, of the fee of the abbey of St. Edmundſbury, as appears by a charter of his nephew John.

The other ſon, John de Peyton, to whom King Stephen, and his couſin-german William de Caſſineto, baron of Horsford, granted all his lands in Peyton, well, peaceably, and rightly, with ſoc and ſac, with all liberties and apurtenances to hold, as

(*a*) Cam. Brit. in Cambr. (*b*) Dug. Bar nage, vol. I. p. 110. (*c*) Domeſd. Lib. in com. Suff. (*d*) Ex. Col. Tho. Jekyl ex Evident. de Peyton. (*e*) In his MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 52.

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his anceſtors before held the ſame, and that he ſhould have warren, &c. The baron of Horsford's charter begins thus;

Willielmus, filius Roberti filii Walteri, Dapifero ſuo & omnibus amicis & hominibus, &c. granting to John, ſon of Reginald his couſin, the ſervice of Robert de Rameſhot, in fee and inheritance, &c.

Which John, had iſſue four ſons, John, the elder, Robert, Peter, and John, the younger.

Robert, was lord juſtice of Ireland, in the time of Henry III. and Edward I. and, being lord of Ufford, aſſumed the ſurname of his anceſtors. Whoſe ſon, Robert de Ufford, was created earl of Suffolk, 11 Edward III (*a*). 1336, and made knight of the garter. He was at the battle of Cagn, and merited ſo well, that the king rewarded him with the honour of Eye, formerly belonging to his family.

Brothers to the earl, were Thomas de Ufford, knight of the garter, 'and John Ufford, who was brought up at Cambridge, 'and made doctor of law; promoted firſt to the deanry of Lin-'coln, then to the chancellorſhip of England, and laſtly, to the 'archbiſhoprick of Canterbury, which he never enjoy'd, being 'cut off by the plague, (which conſumed nine parts of the men in 'England) (*b*) before he received either his pall or conſecration, 'June 7, anno 1348, and lieth obſcurely buried in that cathe-'dral church.'

Peter de Peyton, lord of Peyton-Hall, who held lands in Ramſhot and Peyton, in the time of king John, and took to wife Helena —— of whom he had iſſue, Robert de Peyton, father to Sir John de Peyton, Knt. of the ſame places; whoſe male iſſue ſeem'd to fail temp. Edw. III.

The fourth ſon was John de Peyton, jun. who ſold (*c*) '*Joh.* '*de Peyton fratri meo Primogenito*' to John his eldeſt brother, all his lands which he had in Boxford, of the fee of the abbey of St. Edmonds and Stoke-Neyland, which their father, John de Peyton, and William, their uncle, formerly poſſeſs'd.

Sir John, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded, and was lord of Peyton-Hall in Boxford, and poſſeſſed lands in Stoke-Neyland, in com. Suff. In which pariſh-church, both his father and he, with his wife Agnes, and many of his poſterity, lie interr'd; as we learn from Mr. Weever (*d*), who has tranſmitted to us their memorial, in theſe words: 'At the upper end, in the north ſide of this 'church next to the chancel, John de Peyton, the ſon of Regi-'nald, lieth interr'd under a marble ſtone; about the verge 'whereof theſe few French words following are only remaining;

——Jena de Peytona——Mercye——l'ame Criſt——

'Under

(*a*) Dug. Bar. vol. II. p. 47. (*b*) Weever's Fun. Mon. p. 222. (*c*) Ex Autograph. ejuſd. Johan. (*d*) Fun. Mon. p. 776.

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'Under another marble ſtone adjoining, his ſon, Sir John Pey-
'ton, Knt. lieth inhum'd, with this French inſcription;

Vous qe par ici paſſet,
Pur l'ame ſire Jehan de Peytona priet.
Le cours de oi ici giſt;
L'ame receyue Jhu criſt. Amen.

This Sir John de Peyton, flouriſhed under Henry III. as may appear by a catalogue of knights in that reign. He had free warren in Stoke-Neyland, Boxford, Polſted, &c (*a*). and having iſſue by his wife, Matilda de Bueriis, (Buers) (arms evident by her arms, impal'd at Boxford, after the ancient manner;) tho' Le Neve calls her, Maude, ſiſter and heir to Symond de Notele (*b*); three ſons and one daughter, Agnes, mentioned in the laſt will and teſtament of her brother; William, and James de Peyton, who was witneſs to a dateleſs charter of his father, and to another of his elder brother, who was

Sir John de Peyton, Knt. ſucceſſor to his father; to whom, and Clementia his wife, 27 Henry III(*c*). John, ſon of William de Effington, gave two acres of land, &c.

Anno 14 Edward I. a fine paſſed at Colcheſter, before Solomon de Roff, and other judges; wherein John de Peyton and his wife, acknowledged to John de Dikely 13s. 4d. rent in Bromley, &c. anno 28 Edw. I. This Sir John ſerv'd in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, as one of the Knights of the Shire for the county of Suffolk (*d*), having reaſonable allowance for his expence; as alſo in another parliament, 29 Edward I. ſoon after which he died; for his laſt will and teſtament bears date the Monday before the feaſt of St. Michael, A. D. 1318, part whereof follows; 'In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghoſt, &c. 'I John de Peyton, Knt. &c. make my will, &c. my body to 'be buried in the pariſh-church of Stoke-Neyland, near the al-'tar of St. Edmund, in the chapel which I built. To Robert, 'my ſon, all my lands; to John, my ſon, twenty marks; to 'James, my brother, forty ſhillings; to Gilian, my daughter, 'a nun of Mallines, twenty ſhillings; to Agnes, my ſiſter, &c. 'Given at Peyton in Stoke-Neyland.

This Sir John had 3 wives, Agnes, Agnes, and Clementia, as appears by his will (*e*).

Sir Robert, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded, who, in many of his evidences is ſtil'd Chevalier and Monſieur; as by a fine in the king's court at York, 12 Edward III. between Robert de Peyton, Chevalier, and Joan his wife, demandants; and Thomas de Corney, rector of the church of Boxford de-forciants, for lands and rents

(*a*) Cart. 27. E. 1. N. 5. Le Neve's MSS. of Baronets, vol. I. p. 62. (*b*) In a deed dated 7 Edw. I. (*c*) Ex Chartis Famil. (*d*) Pryn's Parl. Reg. vol. IV. p. 10. Ibid. p. 16. (*e*) Le Neve's MSS. of Baronets, ibid.

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rents in Eſſington, &c (*a*). whereby he entail'd the ſame upon his heirs male, by Joan his wife; and, for want of ſuch iſſue, upon John his brother, &c. the remainder, &c. And, in a letter of John of Eltham, earl of Cornwall, ſon to King Edward II. is thus wrote, *John, Son of the noble King of England, to Monſieur Robert de Peyton ſalut.* &c (*b*). Anno 23 Edward III. to him and Joan his wife, and John his younger ſon, Thomas Welſh of Boxford granted lands in Boxford.

He died 25 Edward III. and was buried near his father. Having had to wives, firſt, the lady Chriſtiana de Apleton, widow of William de Apleton, and heir to lands in Haxwell and Boxford; who, died 19 Edward II. leaving no children, and was buried at Stoke-Neyland with great pomp, whoſe funeral expences are thus ſet down (*c*), fifty quarter of wheat 41. 10s. one hogſhead of wine 53l. 4s. four muttons 5s. eight barrow-hogs 24s. ten calves, &c.

His ſecond wife was Joan de Marney, of the noble family of the Marneys of Layer-Marney, in Eſſex, by whom there was iſſue Sir John, the next heir; William, from whom was a releaſe to his father Robert, dated 13 Edward III. and John de Peyton, jun. to whom William Caſtelayne, John de Rikell, &c. granted the manor of Badlees in Waldingfield, 5 Edward III. He lies buried at Wicken.

Sir John ſucceeded, and married Margaret, the daughter and coheir of Sir John Gernon of Lees, in Eſſex, Knt. lord of Wicken, in com. Cantab. and Bankwell in Derbyſhire; in whoſe right he poſſeſſed the manor of Wicken (*d*); and 17 Richard II. jointly with her, held part of the manor of Eſthorp, by the ſervice of one knight's fee; in whoſe reign he died, and was buried with his anceſtors at Stoke-Neyland. She lived till 2 Henry V. and, departing this life A. D. 1414, was buried at Wicken.

Their ſon and heir, John de Peyton, Eſq; inherited, who took to wife Joan, daughter and heir of Sir Hammon Sutton of Wickeſho, in com. Suff. Knt. by whom Wickeſho came to this family. Who, by his laſt teſtament, A. D. 1404, conſtituted his ſaid wife executrix, Margaret his mother then living; and dying about the 5th of Henry IV. was buried, as he appointed, with

(*a*) Thomas Baldewyne conceſſit Robto de Peytone terras in Eſyngton Teſtib. Dmo Robto de Bures, Johe de Tendryng, Petro de Denarſtone Milit.b. Tho. le Chaſteleyn, dat. apud E. Sabati craſtino ſci Cuthberti 14 Edw. II.—ex carta viſa p. Petr. Leneve.—Alicia ux. Tho. de Grey Militis conceſſit Robto de Peytone redditus & ſervitia A. M. de terr's in Boxford tentis de Manerio Aliciæ de Codenham Suff. dat. 17 E. 2.

Johes Bot tourt Miles dedit, &c. relaxavit, &c. ſervitia & redditus quæ Ro. Peytone ſibi debuit Manerio de Paddockſhall in Lelleſley per terr. in Boxford. dat 14. E. 2. Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 61. (*b*) Ex Eviden. hujus Famil. (*c*) Ex Evid. in Coll. Tho. Jekyll. (*d*) Dr. Holland in his Additions to Camden, ſays, Wicken came to the Family of the Peytons by a Daughter and Coheir of Gernon, about Edward the third's time.

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with his anceſtors at Stoke-Neyland. He left iſſue, by his ſaid wife, (afterwards married to Sir Roger Drury, Knt.) Margery, wife of Thomas Daubeny of Sharrington, in Norfolk, Eſq; and three ſons, John, Thomas, and Robert, to whom their mother Joan, in her widowhood, gave the manor of Wickeſho by deed dated 13 Hen. VI (*a*).

John, the eldeſt, was left a minor, being fifteen years old, 8 Henry IV (*b*), at which time an agreement was made between the lady Margaret, his grandmother, Joan his mother of the one part; and John Burgoyne of Drayton, in com. Cantab. of the other; for an intermarriage with Grace, daughter of the ſaid Burgoyne. Which marriage took effect (*c*); and from thence proceeded two ſons, John and Thomas, and a daughter Anne, married to Jeffry Lockton, Eſq; He died in the flower of his age, the 6th of October, 4 Henry V (*d*). as appears by inquiſition taken at Fordham, before William Alyngton, Eſcaetor, &c.

His ſon John, aged three years and three quarters at his father's death, died in his minority the 29th of October, 11 Henry VI. as is ſet forth in the inquiſition taken at Colcheſter, Tueſday after the feaſt of St. James; at which time a tenement called Welles, in Birch Magna, in com. Eſſex. by reaſon of his tender age, was in the king's hands.

Whereupon Thomas, then aged ſeventeen years, and ſeized of the manor of Eſthorp, was the next heir; and his mother Grace dying the 6th of May, he was found her heir to the manor of Meſſing, which was held of the crown, as of the honour of Keynes, by the ſervice of one knight's fee; alſo of the manor of Binchall, and the caſtle. Upon the feaſt of All-Saints, 18 Henry VI (*e*). his age was proved at Cambridge, viz. twenty two years; at which time it was ſworn by John Welford, that he was born and baptized at Dry-Drayton, in that county, 7 Henry V. A. D. 1418, many agreeing in the verdict; among whom Robert Chapman alledg'd, that the day on which he was born being the feaſt of St. Valentine, there was a great ſtorm: One knew it by the great wind; another broke his leg by a fall from his horſe; another, for that his wife was buried; another, for then his leaſe was burnt; another, for then his daughter Margaret was burnt; another fell from a tree and broke his arm; another, for then his mother was buried, as the ſeveral jurors depoſed upon their oaths.

This Thomas was high-ſheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 21 and 31 Henry VI. and, about the 17th of Edward IV. he began to rebuild the church of Iſelham, agreeing then with John Waltham,

(*a*) Le Neve, ibid. (*b*) Clauſ. 25. N°. 36. (*c*) Le Neve in his MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 62. puts a Quere to this Marriage; and aſks whether he did not marry to his firſt or ſecond wife, Grace, daughter of —— Langley of Knowlton, in Kent, and if ſhe did not remarry Richard Baynard of Eſſex. (*d*) Inquiſ. ejuſd. (*e*) Eſcaet. 18 Henry VI.

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Waltham, alias Sudbury, free-maſon, for the ſame. In the chancel of which church he lies interr'd, having a monument erected there to his memory, viz. his effigies caſt in braſs, with the following inſcription:

'Orate pro animabus Thomæ Peyton, Armigeri,
'& Margaretæ ac Margaretæ uxoribus ejus. Qui
'quidem Thomas obiit 30die menſis Julii, A. D.
'1484. Quorum animabus propitietur Deus.
'Amen.

He married firſt Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir John Bernard of Iſelham, Knt. by which match Iſelham deſcended to this family; and he had iſſue by her Thomas, hereafter mentioned, Margaret, and Grace.

His ſecond wife was Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Hugh Francis of Giffords, in the pariſh of Wickhambrook, in com. Suff. (widow of Thomas Garniſh of Kenton, in Suffolk, Eſq; (*a*). Of this match proceeded two ſons, Chriſtopher and Francis. 1. Chriſtopher Peyton, Eſq; who had great poſſeſſions in Wickhambrook and Bury. In the 12th of Henry VII (*b*). he was ſheriff of the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon; and having married Elizabeth, daughter of Leonard Hide of Hide-Hall, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; (*c*) left no iſſue. He died 15 Henry VII. and, with his wife, was buried in Iſelham church, on the roof whereof are theſe words cut in wood;

'Pray for the good Proſperity of Chriſtopher Peyton,
'and Elizabeth his Wife, and for the Soul of Tho-
'mas Peyton, Eſq; and Margaret his Wife; Father
'and Mother of the ſaid Chriſtopher Peyton: And
'for the Souls of all the Poſterity of the ſaid Chri-
'ſtopher Peyton

Francis Peyton of St. Edmundſbury, Eſq; 2d ſon, heir to his mother, was alſo of Coggeſhall in Eſſex (*d*). He married Elizabeth, daughter of Reginald Brook of Aſpallſtoneham, in Suffolk, Eſq; by whom he had Chriſtopher, and Edmund, cuſtomer of Calais, who married, but left no male iſſue. Chriſtopher Peyton of St. Edmundſbury, married Jane, daughter of Thomas Mildmay, Eſq; and ſiſter to Sir Thomas Mildmay of Chelmsford, in Eſſex, Knt. and was father of 3 ſons, Thomas, Chriſtopher, and Henry of London. 1. Thomas Peyton of St. Edmundſbury, cuſtomer of Plymouth, who by Cicely, daughter of John Bourchier earl of Bath, (and Eleanor Manors his wife, daughter of Henry, earl of Rutland) was father of Sir Henry Peyton, knighted by King James I. who followed long the wars in the Low-Countries, and married Mary, daughter of Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerſet, and

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. ibid. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Camb. (*c*) Le Neve, ibid. (*d*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 62

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and widow of Andrew Rogers of Brianſon in Dorſetſhire, Eſq; eldeſt ſon to Sir Richard Rogers, Knt. 2. Chriſtopher Peyton of St. Edmundſbury, who was knighted by King James I. and auditor in Ireland. He married Anne, daughter of William Palmer of Warwickſhire, Eſq; and left 3 daughters his coheireſſes, 1. Elizabeth, married to Richard Cooke of St. Edmundſbury. 2. Cicely, married to Henry Rookwood of Ewſham, and, 3. Thomazin, married firſt to captain Baptiſt Caſtillion of the bedchamber to Queen Elizabeth; ſhe remarried to Robert Pigott of the Deſart, in Ireland, Eſq; 3. Henry Peyton of London, who married Mary, daughter of William Pickering of London, and left poſterity.

Thomas Peyton, the only ſon of Thomas, by the firſt venter, died before his father (*a*), and by his wife Joan, the daughter of — Calthorp of Norfolk, he had the manor of (*b*) Calthorp, and other lands, and had iſſue, Thomas, who died iſſueleſs, Robert, John, and Edward; which two laſt are mentioned in their brother Sir Robert's will; and four daughters, Elizabeth, married to Edward Langley of Knowlton, in Kent, Eſq; Jane, to John Langley of Lowleworth, in com. Cantab. Eſq; Anne, to John Aſheby of Harefield, in Middleſex, Eſq; (anceſtor to thoſe now of that place) and Dorothy.— Joan ſurviving her huſband, married ſecondly, William Mauleverer, Eſq;

The eldeſt ſon, Sir Robert, inherited, who was ſheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 14 Henry VII. and making his will the 18th of March, 9 Henry VIII. died the ſame year. By which he bequeathed many veſtments and legacies to the churches of Denton, and Knowlton in Kent (*c*); Wicken, Spiney, and Bokeworth, in com. Cantab. and, with his lady Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Cleer of Ormſby, in com. Norf. lieth buried in the chapel of St. Catherine at Iſelham, with this epitaph;

> Of your Charyty pray for the Soule of Sir Robert Peyton, Knyght, which departed to God the 18th Day of Marche, 1518. and of the Soul of Dame Eliſabeth, his Wyfe, whiche departed to God in the Year of our Lord 1500.

They left iſſue, 1. Sir Robert. 2. John, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Robert Tyndall of Hockwould, in com. Norf. Knt. of whom deſcended the Peytons of Knowlton, and Dodington, Barts. the former of which titles is extinct, and the latter will hereafter be mentioned in its proper place; and, 3. Edward, who died without iſſue. Alſo two daughters, Margaret, married to Francis Jenney of Knotſhall, in com. Suff. Eſq; from whom

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. ibid. prov'd by the Fine, 2 R. 3. (*b*) Viſit. Cantab. per Hen. St. Geor. A. D. 1619. (*c*) This Sir Robert, (his brother-in-law Edward dying without iſſue,) poſſeſſed Knowlton, as heir general to the Langleys, by reaſon of a former match, between Peyton and Langley, temp. Hen. 5. Philpot's Kent, p. 209.

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whom deſcend the Jenneys of that place, and Elizabeth, wife of Sir William Wigſton of Wolſton, in com. Warw. Knt. To both which daughters their father gave, by will, each three hundred marks.

Sir Robert was the next heir, who was ſheriff of the two aforeſaid counties, 17 and 27 Henry VIII. and accompanied that king to the ſiege of Bullen; and was again ſheriff, 1 Q. Mary (*a*). He married Frances, daughter and heir of Francis Haſſylden of Little Cheſterford in Eſſex, Eſq; and of Steeple-Marden, in com. Cantab. by whoſe right he became poſſeſs'd of thoſe places: beſides other lands in com. Rutl.

This lady founded the famous hoſpital at Iſelham, and was buried by her huſband in that church, where their memories are ſtill preſerv'd by the following inſcriptions;

'Pray for the Soule of Sir Robert Peyton, Knyght,
'the Son of Sir Robert Peyton, Knt. whiche mar-
'ried Frances, Daughter and Heyre of Francys
'Haſſylden, Eſq; deceas'd; whiche Sir Robert
'deceaſed the fyrſt Day of Auguſt, A. D. 1550,
'whoſe Soul God pardon.

Hic jacet Franciſca Peyton, nuper Uxor Roberti Peyton Militis, Eximium Charitatis & Religionis Exemplar, quæ, in ſempiternam Nominis ſui memoriam Publicum Hoſpitium, de ſuo Nomine vulgo dictum (Peyton's Hoſpital) propriis ſuis ſumptibus in Iſelham extruxit, perpetuis Cenſibus dotavit & confirmavit.

Obiit 18 Martis, A. D. 1580.

Quid tua vita? Dolor Quid mors niſi meta dolorum?
Mors vitam ſequitur, vita beata necem,
Ergone Franciſcæ vitam lacrimabibus? Abſit:
Poſcis abeſſe viris, poſſet ut eſſet Deo.

Their progeny were ſix ſons and two daughters, 1. Robert. 2. William. 3. Richard of Little Cheſterford, in Eſſex, who married Mary, daughter of Leonard Hyde of Hide-Hall in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; She after his deceaſe, married Sir John Cary lord Hunſdon (*b*). Of this Richard we have this account, from his epitaph in Iſelham church.

Here under lyeth a worthy Eſquire that, Richard Peyton hyght,
An honeſt Gentleman, and thyrd Son to Robert Peyton, Knyght.
In Gray's-Inn, Student of the Lawe, where he a Reader was;
He feared God, and loved hys Word, in Truth hys Life did paſs:
In practiſing of Juſtice, loe, was hys whole Delyght;
He never wronged any one to whom he might do Right.
Whom he eſteemed an honeſt Fryend, who he myght ſtand in ſtead,
He never left to do hym Good wyth Words, with Purſe, and Deeds.

Fourteen

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies in Cambridgſhire. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. ibid.

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Fourteen Years Space he marry'd was unto a beautiful Wyfe,
By Parent named Mary Hyde, they lived devoyd of Stryfe,
The Earth hym bear twice twenty Years, and vyrtuoſly he lyved,
A vyrtuous Lyfe he dyd embrace, and vyrtuouſly he dyed,
Anno Domini, 1574.
The thyrtieth Day of April, Year ſeventy and four,
A thouſand fyve hundred being put to that more.

The three other ſons were Chriſtopher, Edward, and John. The daughters, Catherine, wife of —— Williams of ——— in com. Oxon. Eſq; and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Wrenne of Hinton, in Hadenham, in the iſle of Ely, Eſq;

Robert the eldeſt, lord of Iſelham, was Knight of the Shire for Cambridge, 4th and 5th of Queen Mary, and high ſheriff of the united counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 9 Eliz (*a*). and received the honour of knighthood from King James I. at Royſton, November 1608. He married the lady Elizabeth Rich, daughter of Richard, baron Rich of Leez, lord high-chancellor of England; by whom he had iſſue three ſons, Robert, who died in his father's life-time unmarried; Sir John, the Baronet, and Richard, who died without iſſue: And as many daughters, Mary, wedded firſt to Robert Balam of Wolſoken, in com. Norf. Eſq; 2dly to Sir Richard Cox of Braham, in the iſle of Ely, Knt. Frances, wife of John Hagar of Bourne-Caſtle, in com. Cantab. Eſq; and Winifride, wife 1ſt of —— Oſborne, Eſq; counſellor at law, then of —— Harefleet of Kent; and afterwards of John Hornbye, in com. Linc. Eſq;

Sir John Peyton of Iſelham, knighted by King James I. ſucceeded his father Sir Robert and was lord of Peyton-Hall, in Boxford, Wicken, and Wikeſho, &c. He was ſheriff of the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 35 Eliz. and Knight of the Shire for the laſt mention'd county, as alſo 1 James I. (*b*) and the next year ſheriff again; and in the ninth of that reign, received the new order of Baronet at the firſt inſtitution of it.

By his wife Alice, daughter to Sir Edward Oſborn, who was Lord-Mayor of London, 25 Elizabeth, A. D. 1583, and progenitor to the duke of Leeds. He had five ſons and ſix daughters; Sir Edward, the next Baronet; John, who died without iſſue; Robert, fellow of Queen's-College in Cambridge; Roger, William of Warlingworth, in Suffolk, (who married Tabitha, daughter of Henry Payne of Walthamſtow in Eſſex, and left two ſons, John and William;) (*c*) and Thomas, who was ſlain at the Burſe in Holland. The daughters were, Anne, married to Sir Robert Bacon, of Riborough in Norfolk, Bart. third ſon of Sir Nicholas Bacon of Redgrave, Bart. Alice, wife of Sir John, ſon and heir of Sir John Peyton of Dodington, Knt. Elizabeth, of Sir Anthony

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies. (*b*) Fuller, ibid. (*c*) Le Neve, ibid.

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thony Irby of Boſton, in com. Linc. Knt. Mary, of Sir Roger Meers of Hoghton, in com. Linc. Knt. Frances and Suſan Peyton, who both died unmarried.

He was ſucceeded both in eſtate and honour, by Sir Edward, his eldeſt ſon, who was bred at St. Edmundſbury-ſchool, and afterward educated at Cambridge. He was knighted at Whitehall, February 4, 1610. and during his father's life, was denominated of Great Bradley, in com. Suff. and ſerved in parliament from the 18th of James I. to the third of Charles I. as one of the Knights of the Shire for the county of Cambridge, and was Cuſtos Rotulorum thereof; which office he was deprived of by the endeavours of the great favourite of James I. the duke of Buckingham. Whereat he was ſo much diſguſted, that he firſt drew his pen againſt the court, and writ ſeveral pamphlets with great acrimony of ſtile againſt King Charles I (*a*). and the royaliſts; and at length, ſiding with the preſbyterians in the times of the great rebellion, had his ſhare of ſufferings for that cauſe, while the war laſted; which ſo impoveriſh'd him, that he ſold Iſelham, (which had continued in the family ſo many years,) and ruined the whole eſtate, drawing in his eldeſt ſon to join with him in the ſale thereof, only reſerving annuities for both their lives.

This Sir Edward married three wives; firſt Matilda, daughter of Robert Liveſay of Tooting, in com. Surr. Eſq; by whom he had iſſue John, Edward, who was a clergyman, (and had three ſons, Edward, Robert, and Henry) and Robert; alſo a daughter, Amy, married to Henry Lawrence of St. Ives in Huntingdonſhire, and of St. Margaret's, in com. Hert. Eſq; (*b*).

Sir Edward, married to his ſecond lady, Jane, daughter of Sir James Calthorp of Cockthorp, in Norfolk, Knt. and widow of Sir Henry Thymelthorp of Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had iſſue one ſon, Thomas Peyton of Rougham in Norfolk, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Yelverton of Rougham, Bart. by whom he had four ſons; 1. William Peyton of Dublin, who died 1686. He married Frances, daughter and coheir of Sir Herbert Lunsford, Knt. by whom he had no male iſſue. 2. Robert, of Virginia, who left no male iſſue. 3. Charles Peyton of Grimſton, in Norfolk, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of William Bladwell of Swanington, in Norfolk, Eſq; they both lie buried at Swanington; having had ſix ſons; 1. Sir Yelverton, hereafter mentioned; 2. Bladwell, who married Mary, daughter of William Probart of Court-Evangwenge, in Radnorſhire, Gent. by whom he has iſſue one ſon, Charles, and two daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, all young. 3. William, of Grimſton, in Norfolk, who married Alice, daughter of William Robotham of Grimſton, Gent. and died at Leverington, in the Iſle of Ely, without iſſue.

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(*a*) Wood Athenæ, vol. II. p. 156. Edit. 1721. (*b*) Chauncey's Hertf. p. 284.

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4. Charles, who died at ſea, without Iſſue. 5. Colby, drowned at Lynn, without iſſue. 6. John Peyton, citizen of London, who married firſt, Dorothy, daughter of James Altham of Markshall, in Eſſex, Eſq; by whom he hath one ſon, John; and by his ſecond wife Suſan, daughter of Peter Calvert of Hunſdon, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; (and ſiſter to the preſent Peter Calvert of Hunſdon, Eſq;) he hath another ſon named Yelverton.

The fourth ſon of Thomas Peyton of Rougham, Eſq; was Yelverton, who married a daughter of Mr. Roberts, a merchant in Briſtol, niece of Sir John Roberts of Bromley, in Middleſex, Bart. Thomas Peyton, Eſq; the father of theſe ſons, died 1683.

Sir Edward, married to his third lady, Dorothy, daughter of Mr. Edward Ball of Stockwell, in Surry, by whom he had two ſons, 1. Edward Peyton of Surinam, merchant, who died 1675. He married Mary, daughter of Mr. Mulfin, an Italian merchant, and left one daughter his ſole heir, named Seignora Angiola, married to Francis Ceſſis of Peeſroneer in Venice. 2. Joſeph Peyton, who, by Mary, daughter and coheir of Marmaduke Vincent of Great Smeaton, in Yorkſhire, had iſſue Vincent Peyton, only child living, three years old 1688.

Sir Edward Peyton, Bart. died at Wicken, in Cambridgeſhire, in 1657, and was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon, by the firſt marriage,

Sir John Peyton, Bart. who had two wives, 1. —— daughter of Sir Edward Bellingham, who left no iſſue. But by his ſecond wife —— daughter of —— Hobart, he had three ſons; Edward, who died young; Sir John Peyton, Bart. who ſucceeded him; and Thomas, who was firſt an enſign, and afterwards captain in the guards; a gentleman of bright parts, and good accompliſhments, which recommended him to the notice and favour of King Charles II. he died a batchelor. Sir John had alſo one daughter, Martha, married to George Duncombe of Shalford, near Guilford, in Surry, Eſq; Sir John, died 1666, and was buried in St. Giles's in the Fields, London, and was ſucceeded by his only ſon.

Sir John Peyton, Bart. who ſerv'd his king and country in ſeveral military ſtations; for, preſently after the reſtoration, he went with the earl of Rutherford to Tangier, under whom he ſerv'd there till his death; and then returning into England, he rode in the guards in the lord of Oxford's regiment; from whence, by the intereſt of the late duke of Leeds, his near relation, he was preferred to be a lieutenant in Sir John Hanmer's company, in the duke of Buckingham's regiment, in which he ſerv'd at ſea the laſt Dutch war; and, when that was ended, went into Ireland with the regiment, 1674. The next year the earl of Eſſex gave him a company, which he exchanged for a commiſſion of

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lieutenant of horſe. And, in King James's reign, when the lord Tyrconnel turned out the proteſtants, he agreed with his ſecretary to ſurrender to him his poſt, upon payment of the yearly value of 100l. per annum for his life. He was attainted by an act of parliament in King James IId's time, and reſtored by King William's parliament (*a*). During the adminiſtration of the late earl of Rocheſter, her late Majeſty Q. Anne, made him governor of Roſs-Caſtle in Kerry; but his choice determining him to reſide at Dublin, he quitted that poſt.

He firſt married the daughter of Mr. Newman, and widow of Mr. Kana O Hara. His ſecond wife was the daughter of — Lloyd of Morton-Hall in Wales, Eſq; and widow of Richard Barry. His third wife was Mrs. Rebecca Williams of Liverpool, widow of the rev. Mr. Daniel Tomlinſon. He died in Ireland, 1721, without iſſue; and was ſucceeded by his couſin,

Sir Yelverton Peyton, the preſent Baronet, eldeſt ſon of Charles Peyton of Grimſton, in Norfolk, Eſq; who was third ſon of Thomas Peyton of Rougham, Eſq; only ſon of Sir Edward Peyton, Bart. by his ſecond marriage, beforementioned.

Which Sir Yelverton Peyton, Bart. is captain of the Hector man of war, and married Flora, daughter of Philip Facy of Plymouth, Gent. by whom he hath had two ſons, Yelverton and Bladwell, who both died young.

ARMS: Sable, a Croſs engrail'd, Or.
CREST: On a Wreath, a Griphon ſeiant, Or.
MOTTO: *Patior potior.*

4. CLIFTON of Clifton, Nottinghamſhire.

(Sir GERVASE, KNIGHT of the BATH.)
Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

OF this family, Gervaſe Holles, Eſq; a laborious antiquary (*b*) has given a ſuccinct account to the death of Sir Gervaſe Clifton, the firſt baronet; he obſerves, they took their ſurname from Clifton, a ville about two miles diſtant from Nottingham, which in its Saxon etymon ſignifies a ville ſituate upon a rock or ſhelving ground, as Sir W. Dugdale rightly obſerves (*c*), and upon a prominent is this ſeated (yet in a fertile ſoil) at the foot of which the Trent runneth: Where the Cliftons have a noble ſeat, from which

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. of Baronets, vol. I. p. 62. (*b*) Ex MS. Gen. Holles, Arm.
(*c*) Antiq. Warwickſhire, p. 8.

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which, aſcending by many ſteps, we reſt upon the top, in a fair bowling-green, that yields a moſt pleaſant proſpect, overlooking the Trent, the town of Nottingham, the vale of Belvoir, and part of the foreſt of Sherwood.

They derive themſelves from Alvaredus de Clifton, a knight, ſaid to be living in the time of William Peverell, the conqueror's baſtard; and for proof of this, Alvaredus, and three others of his lineal poſterity, is cited as an authority amongſt the collections of Mr. St. Lo. Kniveton, thus render'd in Engliſh:

Memorandum, *Alvared Clifton, Kt. lord of the manor of Wilford, with the apurtenances in demeſne as of fee, was warden of the caſtle of Nottingham, in the time of William Peverell; after whoſe death, Sir Robert Clifton, Knt. his ſon and heir, was lord of the ſaid manor, and warden of the ſaid caſtle; which manor and office Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Knt. ſon and heir of the ſaid Sir Robert, held all his life-time. This Sir Gervaſe, made the outer ward of the caſtle, and made the caſtle mills; likewiſe dug a trench from the Trent-water to the ſaid mills, thro' his own demeſne lands, as far as Kingis-Meadow. Moreover, the ſaid Gervaſe made a wear* [gurguſtum] *in his water of Trent, to feed the ſaid mills.*

In an old plea-roll of the foreſts, &c. before Geffry Fitz-Peers, anno 33 Henry II. I find Gervaſe de Clifton amerc'd for his treſpaſs; the ſame perſon who is mention'd above, in relation to Nottingham-caſtle.

Gerbode de Eſchaud, was lord of Clifton and Langor, before 19 Henry II. parcel of the honour of Peverell; afterwards it paſſed to Gerard de Rodes; who held it 1 John. Raph de Rodes, a very eminent man, poſſeſſed them 6 Henry III. whoſe ſon Sir Gerard de Rodes, lord of Melles, about the end of Henry III. or Edward I. granted to Sir Gervaſe de Clifton, all his lands and tenements in Clifton and Wilford, &c. and all kind of homages and ſervices, of his free-men and villains of Clifton, Wilford, and Barton, &c. as by an *Inſpeximus* of King Edward I. reciting and confirming the charter made by Rodes.

King Edward I. in the ninth year of his reign, reciting the deed of the ſaid Sir Gerard, confirmed it. Gervaſe, ſon of Gervaſe de Clifton, was ſeneſcal in this Gerard's time (*a*).

Thoroton, in his antiquities of Nottinghamſhire, treating of Clifton, ſays, 'This worthy family therefore, which held lands 'here, and had their name from their reſidence at this place, and 'ſometimes at Wilford, muſt not, till this time (9 Edward I.) 'pretend to be lords of it, notwithſtanding the received tradition 'and old parchment-writing, importing that Sir Alvered de 'Clifton, Knt. was lord of the manor of Wilford, and guardian

(*a*) Thoroton's Nottinghamſhire, p. 52.

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'of the caſtle at Nottingham, in the time of William Peverell 'and his ſon Sir Robert de Clifton, after him in like manner.

'There is no manor of Wilford in domeſday-book, and King 'William, or William Peverell, built the caſtle of Nottingham 'himſelf, and dwelt in it, and his ſon after him; yet tis not un- 'like but that they might have ſome conſiderable truſt or em- 'ployment under the Peverells (*a*).

Anno 21 Edward I. we find that Clifton with the Soke, then an eſcheat to the king, was of the honour of Peverell, valued at 40l. per annum, and Ralph de Rodes held it of the king by the ſervice of half a knight's fee; ſo that as Rodes held this manor immediately of the king, he might grant it about the beginning of King John, to Gervaſe de Clifton, to hold of himſelf by particular ſervices; anno 5 Joh. a fine was levied betwixt this Gervaſe de Clifton, and Robert de Alvideleg, in relation to an agreement that the ſon of the ſaid Gervaſe, ſhould marry the daughter of the ſaid Robert; and therein the ſaid Gervaſe, and his ſiſter Iſmania, quit claim all conventions, and all charters of inheritance of the ſaid Robert, which concerned that marriage. This Gervaſe, had alſo a daughter Cicely, who was the wife of Roger de Creſſi, for 3 Joh. ſhe being then his widow, ow'd forty marks and a palfrey, to have her reaſonable dower of the freehold of the ſaid Roger, in Nottinghamſhire (*b*); and that ſhe might not be compell'd to marry. It ſeems it came to a ſuit, for, in the ſame king's reign, ſhe impleaded William de Creſſi, (ſon of Roger) for right of her dower in Hoddeſac, Kelum, Gedling, Rampton, Weſton, and Marcham: And the ſaid William de Creſſi, 5 Joh. ſettled upon her, in conſideration of her dower, half a knight's fee in Melton, with other lands.

It is conceived, that his ſon and grandſon were both of them named Gervaſe; for 20 Henry III. (thirty-two years after the time laſt mention'd) there was a fine levied between Gervaſe de Clifton, (taken for the ſon) and Hugh de Bel, concerning two oxgangs of land in Wilford. Anno 52 Henry III. Gervaſe, ſon of Gervaſe de Clifton, (the grandſon) gives one mark for a writ in com. Not.

Sir Gervaſe, Knt. third of that name, (ſon of the laſt Gervaſe de Clifton) died 17 Edward II. having married Amſlicia, daughter of Sir William Sampſon of Eperſton, Knt. his ſon was Gervaſe who died before him, 9 Edward II. leaving by Alice, daughter and heir of Robert de Rabacin, Robert his ſon, heir to his grandfather.

To the laſt Sir Gervaſe, ſon of Gervaſe; John the ſon of Alfred de Soleney, confirm'd eight virgats of land in Broughton, 6 Edward I. and

(*a*) Thoroton, p. 52. (*b*) Ibid.

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and in the 9th year of the ſame king's reign, Richard de Einolf, and Iſold his wife, granted him an oxgang in Wilford. This Sir Gervaſe muſt be accounted a principal advancer of this family (*a*). He was conſtituted high ſheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby, anno 7 Edward I. and continued for 7 years (*b*); and in 14 of that king, he was appointed high ſheriff of Yorkſhire, and continued for ſix years (*c*). In his ſhrivalty of the 18th year, upon complaint of John de Carleton, he was committed to goal for making a falſe return of a writ. In the 20th of Edward I. a mandate was iſſued out to the ſheriff of Nottingham and Derby, that he ſhould attach the ſaid Gervaſe, to compel him to give his accounts for the time wherein he was ſheriff of Yorkſhire, at a certain time appointed; at which day he came, and accounted accordingly; and the ſame year had allowance for ſeveral ſums of money, which in the 19th, whilſt he was ſheriff of Yorkſhire, he had expended by the king's command: Robert de Tiptot the conſtable, 12 Edward I. demiſed Nottingham-caſtle with the apurtenances, to him, for 68l. per ann. which, if there were no other reaſon, might occaſion the ſtory of the guardianſhip. (*d*)

The ſame Sir Gervaſe de Clifton, (for he lived long) I find to be lord of the manor of Clifton, *cum membris*, in the 9th of Edward II. as likewiſe of Hickeling and Broughton, together with Richard de Grey: But in the 17th of the ſame king, an office was found after his death, wherein he is ſaid to die ſeiz'd of the manors of Clifton, Wilford, and Broughton, in the county of Nottingham; leaving Robert de Clifton, the ſon of Gervaſe, his eldeſt ſon, (who died before him) his next heir, and above twenty-ſix years of age; who did his homage to the king, as heir to his grandfather, and had ſeiſin of his lands accordingly. The next year, it appears by a fine levied by the ſaid Sir Robert de Clifton, (who married Emme, daughter of Sir William Moton, Knt.) that he had married his eldeſt ſon Gervaſe, to Margaret, the daughter of Robert de Pierpoint, as appears by the inquiſition taken after his death, being both then very young, and in the cuſtody of John de Shirewode. Nor did Sir Robert de Clifton live long after, for we find him dead anno 1 Edward III. and his ſon Gervaſe, then fourteen years of age, and married to Margaret, the daughter of Robert de Pierpoint.

Gervaſe de Clifton, (the ſon of Sir Robert) anno 10 Edward III. had liberty of free warren granted to him in all his demeſne lands of Broughton, Sulney, &c. in com. Not. I find him a knight anno 18 Edward III. for then there was a fine levied between Gervaſe de Clifton, chevalier, plaintiff; and Rob. de Vaus, and

(*a*) Vide Thoroton's Nott. p. 54. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Derbyſhire. (*c*) Fuller in Yorkſhire. (*d*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 54.

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Amflicia his wife, defendants: By which the ſaid Robert, and his wife, granted to the ſaid Gervaſe and his heirs, two parts of the manor of Normanton upon Sore, for the yearly rent of 16l. ſterling. He was high ſheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby, anno 19 Edward III. (*a*) and the next year eſcheator of the ſame counties. In the 19th year of that king it appears, that Robert de Clifton his ſon and heir, was married; the ſaid Gervaſe de Clifton, Knt. aſſuring then, by fine, the manor of Broughton, with the advowſon of the church of Broughton, upon his ſon Robert de Clifton, and Iſabel his wife, and their heirs. Anno 22 Edward III. he, with John de Vaus, were Knights of the Shire for Nottingham, in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, and had their wages allowed.

To this Sir Gervaſe Clifton, King Edward III. in the 51ſt year of his reign, grants liberty, calling him his beloved and faithful Gervaſe de Clifton, chevalier, that during his life he be put upon no aſſizes or juries, and recognizances whatſoever, neither be mayor, ſheriff, eſcheator, coroner, or any bailiff, or ſervant of the crown, and its heirs, againſt his will. Dated at Sheen, 5 July.

The word (mayor) might be purpoſely inſerted, becauſe formerly he had been mayor of Canterbury.—The laſt mention of him, is in a deed dated 3 R. II. whereby he grants a creſt to Richard de Bevercotes of Bevercotes, in com. Not. a knightly family of great antiquity. This grant is ſealed with his ſeal of arms, viz. the *Cinquefoils and Lion rampant*, and circumſcribed thus, *Sigill. Gervaſ. Clifton Mil.*

'Tis farther obſerved, that the laſt named Sir Gervaſe Clifton had licenſe from the king, anno 22 Edward III. to alien in mortmain eleven meſſuages, five virgats, and one bovat of land, and three ſol-rents in Stanton on the Wolds and Clifton, with the advowſon of the church of Stanton to three chaplains, to celebrate divine ſervice every day in the church of St. Mary of Clifton, for the health and good eſtate of him the ſaid Gervaſe, and Iſabel his wife. (*b*)

After this, I meet with him no more, nor is it likely he lived many years longer, he being then about ſixty-eight years of age, manifeſt from his being fourteen years old at his father's death, anno 1 Edward III. Neither find I any thing of his ſon Robert, who poſſibly might die before him; only it is ſuppoſed, that the aforementioned Iſabel, (wife of this Robert de Clifton) was the daughter of —— Neville of Rolleſton, in com. Nott. and his firſt wife; for he married ſecondly, Agnes, daughter of —— De Grey (*c*): For in Clifton church there is a fair monument of free-

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies. (*b*) Iſabel then muſt be his ſecond wife, and daughter of Vincent Herbert, alias Finch of Netherfield, in Suſſex, Eſq; relict of W. Scott of Brabourn, in Kent, Eſq; by whom he had two daughters, Joan, married to John Digge, and Iſabel, to John Jerningham; as is evident from an inſcription in Brabourn church; Peerage of England, vol. II. p. 174. Tho' Thoroton, p. 54. makes this Iſabel to be wife of Sir Gervaſe, ſlain at Tewkſkury, mention'd poſtea, p. 40. (*c*) Thoroton, p. 53, 54.

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freeſtone, raiſed about a yard from the ground; on the top of which is the effigies of a ſoldier, with his wife by his ſide. There is no inſcription, only two or three fair eſcocheons on the ſide of the monument, whereon is impal'd Clifton with a *fretty coat*, in which is a *Canton per pale*, and a Ship *quarterly*, with a *Saltire Ermine*.

The next is Sir John Clifton, (ſon and heir of Robert and Agnes Grey) to him King Henry IV. by writ dated the fifth of February, in the firſt year of his reign, granted an annuity of forty marks yearly, to be received of the ſheriff of Nottingham, for his good and faithful ſervice already done, and hereafter to be perform'd; and having, anno 4 Henry IV. ſerv'd in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, with Sir Richard Stanhope, as knights of the ſhire for Nottingham, had their wages allowed for ſixty-five days. He was that year ſlain at the battle of Shrewſbury, fighting on the king's ſide againſt the Piercies; having, as Hollinſhed tells us, received from the king that morning the order of knighthood, which, (if true) muſt be the dignity of a banneret; for he was a knight before. He brought a great increaſe of eſtate into the family, by his wife Catherine, daughter of Sir John de Creſſey of Hodſack, in the county of Nottingham, Knt. and ſiſter and coheir of Sir Hugh de Creſſey, who died in the 9th year of the ſame king: The other ſiſter and coheir, Elizabeth, was the wife of Sir John Markham the elder judge: Between which families of Clifton and Markam, the inheritance of Creſſey was divided, namely, Haddeſoke, with the Soke, viz. Haddeſoke, Holme, Woodhouſe, Oulecotes, Harmeſton, Filixthorp, Stirape, Letwel, and Eildingwells, to Clifton, for their purparty; and the manors of Braytoft, Riſegate, Claypole, &c. in Lincolnſhire, to Markham for his ſhare. After her huſband's death ſhe married Ralph Makarell.

This Sir John Clifton's ſon and heir was Sir Gervaſe Clifton, (*a*) as appears from a grave-ſtone in Clifton church, which has in the north iſle, this inſcription;

> Hic jacet Iſabella, filia Rob. Fraunceis de Formarke militis, uxor Gervaſii Clifton militis, filii Dom. Johannis Clifton militis, cujus anima propitietur Deus, quæ obiit 13 Junii, 1457 (*b*).

Upon the ſtone are impal'd the arms of Clifton, viz. *Semi de Cinquefoils, a Lion rampant*, with Franceys of Formarke, viz. *a Chevron, between three Eagles diſplay'd*.

The next is Sir Gervaſe Clifton, but whether ſon or brother to the laſt, is not clear, for the records here are intricate. 23

(*a*) Dr. Thoroton, p. 53. makes Sir Gervaſe, who married Iſabella, daughter of Sir Robert Franceis, Knt. to be ſon of Sir John. Though, p. 54. he ſays, Here was a notable Sir Gervaſe Clifton of this family, who ſometimes hath been thought to be the ſon of this Sir John; but whether he was brother or couſin, I can't yet diſcover. (*b*) Ibid. p. 57.

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Henry VI. Gervaſe Clifton was lieutenant to Humphrey duke of Glouceſter, conſtable of Dover caſtle. 27 Henry VI. the king grants to John, cardinal-prieſt of St. Balbin, and Gervaſe Clifton, Eſq; the cuſtody of all the lands late William Horſey's, deceas'd. Anno 18 and 29 Henry VI. he was ſheriff of Kent. (*a*) In the 30th H. VI. the king granted to him and John Scott, Eſq; the cuſtody of two parts of the manors of Skirbecke, Wekes, and Frampton, for twelve years; and the ſame year, to him the ſaid Gervaſe Clifton, Eſq; the cuſtody of all the temporals of the archbiſhoprick of Canterbury. In the ſame 30th, I find him to be treaſurer of the town of Calais, which office was given him (in recompence of his good ſervice) 24 May, 29th of that king, upon the reſignation of Sir Richard Vernon, his predeceſſor in that office, he having deliver'd up his letters patent to be cancell'd. In the 36th year of the ſame king, I find a protection granted by him, (ſealed with his ſeal of arms, and circumſcrib'd *Sigill. Gervaſ. Clifton, militis, theſaurarii villæ de Cales)* to Richard Kingeſmelle, of Crowley in the county of Suſſex, yeoman, who was to attend him for the ſafe keeping, defence, and victualling of that garriſon. In the 37th year of that reign, he was again high ſheriff of Kent; and it appears, that he had been treaſurer of the king's houſhold; for there is a warrant in an uncertain year of that king, directed to the keeper of the privy-ſeal, commanding him to direct his letters to the chamberlains of the exchequer, to pay to certain perſons the ſum of 460l. due to them whilſt Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Knt. ſtood treaſurer of the houſhold. In the 5th of Edward IV. he, with Maud his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Stanhope, relict of Robert lord Willughby of Ereſby, and alſo of Sir Thomas Nevil, and neice and coheir of Ralph lord Cromwell, granted to Anthony Widevile lord Scales, divers manors in the counties of Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby, and Warwick, which were lately the inheritance of Ralph lord Cromwell. And the chronicles tell us, that Richard duke of York, in the 18th of Henry VI. made Sir Gervaſe Clifton captain of Pontoiſe, near Paris, (having been a commander at ſeveral places in France) when the French King beſieg'd and took the town by aſſault, but loſt above 3000 men before it. And that in the 11th of Edward IV. 1471, the Monday after the battle of Tewkſbury, Sir Gervaſe Clifton (who was then taken priſoner) was beheaded in the market-place there, together with Edmund duke of Somerſet, and others.

This moſt active and ſignal gentleman is believed by ſome of the family, to be their immediate anceſtor.

It is plain there was a Sir Gervaſe Clifton of Clifton, temp. Henry VI. and that Robert Clifton was his ſon and heir, who was

(*a*) Philpot's Villare Cantium, p. 26. He alſo makes this Sir Gervaſe, to marry Iſabel, relict of W. Scott of Brabourn, Eſq;

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was high ſheriff of Nottingham and Derby, anno 29 and 38 Henry VI. And after, in the 7th of Edward IV. Robert Clifton, Knt. (*a*) is mentioned then as late ſheriff of Nottingham and Derby. To this Sir Robert Clifton, and Gervaſe Clifton, his ſon and heir, King Edward IV. in the 16th year of his reign, granted licenſe to found a college in the chapel of the Trinity, within the pariſh church of St. Mary of Clifton, to the honour of God and the bleſſed Virgin, *pro uno cuſtode & duobus capellanis*, to celebrate divine ſervice every day for the good eſtate of the ſaid king, and Elizabeth his queen, whilſt they lived, and for their ſouls after their deceaſe; and for the good eſtate of the ſaid Sir Robert Clifton, and Gervaſe, &c. and for the ſoul of William Booth, late archbiſhop of York, and for the ſouls of dame Alice Clifton, late wife of the ſaid Robert, and of Seth Worſley, Eſq; &c. dated at Nottingham-caſtle, 22 July. This Alice, wife of the ſaid Sir Robert, was daughter of John Booth of Barton, in com. Lanc. Eſq; and ſiſter of William, the archbiſhop, as appears by the following inſcription upon her monument in Clifton church.

> Hic jacet Dom. Alicia Clifton, filia Johannis Bothe Armig. ſoror bonæ memoriæ Dom. Will. Bothe quond. Ebor. Archiep. & uxor Dom. Rob. Clifton mil. Quæ obiit 9 die Septemb. Anno Dom. 1470, cujus, &c.

Sir Robert Clifton died 9 April 1478, 18 Edward IV. ſeized (as appears by the office found after his deceaſe) of the manor of Clifton, Wilford, (with the advowſons of thoſe churches) and Haddeſoke with the Soke, leaving Gervaſe Clifton his ſon and heir, above forty years of age; and that he had another ſon Robert Clifton, who was archdeacon of the Eaſt-Riding, in com. Ebor. Sir Robert, began to found the ſaid college of the holy Trinity at Clifton, but died before he had accompliſhed his deſign, yet his ſon Sir Gervaſe, religiouſly performed it. He lies buried at Clifton, with this inſcription upon his grave-ſtone:

> Orate pro anima Rob. Clyfton militis, fundatoris trium Capellanorum Collegii in hac Eccleſia, qui obiit nono die menſis Aprilis, Anno Dom. 1478, cujus animæ propitietur Deus, Amen. (*b*)

Gervaſe Clifton, his ſon and heir, was high ſheriff of Nottingham and Derby, 11 and 17 E. IV. And the ſame king having made him [his truſty and well-beloved 'ſquire Gervaſe Clifton,] receiver-general of all his lordſhips in the counties of Nottingham and Derby, by ſeveral letters patent; and ſteward of his manors and lordſhips of Gedling, Shelford, and Stoke-Bardolfe; and

(*a*) Le Neve, makes Sir Robert Clifton, Knt. to be ſon and heir of Sir Gervaſe, by Iſabella, daughter of Sir Robert Frauncis, Knt. which is alſo agreeable to the pedigree in Thoroton's Nott. p. 53. (*b*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 57.

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and ſurveyor of his works and reparations in his caſtle of Nottingham, and of his repairs in his lodges of Beſkwood-park and Clipſton; aſſigns certain perſons, in the 20th year of his reign, to take up his accounts. 22 Edward IV. that king ordains the ſaid Gervaſe, ſheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby, and aſſigns him 100l. out of the exchequer, for the better ſuſtaining of his charge in that office. Anno 1 Richard III. he was made one of the knights of the Bath at the coronation. And the ſame king, in the ſame year, grants to him and his heirs males by letters patent, for his ſingular and faithful ſervice done heretofore, not only in favouring his right and title, &c. the manor or lordſhip of Ratcliffe upon Sore, with lands in Kinſton, in the county of Nottingham, and lands in Kegworth in the county of Leiceſter, being the forfeitures of Henry Stafford, duke of Buckingham; and the manor or lordſhip of Overton Longvile, in the county of Huntingdon, with the advowſon of that church, late the inheritance and forfeiture of Sir Richard Tocotes of Bromeham, Knt. and the manor or lordſhip of Dalbury, and Dalbury-Lees, with the advowſon of that church, and other lands in Etwall and Wirkeſworth, in com. Derb. the inheritance before of Henry, late duke of Exon, to hold of that king by knight's ſervice, &c.

Sir John Beaumont (in his poem of Boſworth-Field) ſaith, he was ſlain there, fighting on Richard's ſide, againſt the earl of Richmond, (after King Henry VII.) and that Biron, (being his friend, but of the other party) procured the conqueror to reſtore his lands to his ſon. But 'tis plain he was not ſlain there, and probably did not ſerve there; or if he did, it was on the other ſide, repenting that he had adher'd to the uſurper; for not long after the beginning of King Henry VIIth's reign, we find him not only entruſted, but rewarded by him, being in his third year made ſheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby; and the ſame year having granted him the cuſtody of the manors of Carleton in Lindrike, and Kinſton in Carleton, being then in the king's hands, by reaſon of the minority of George, lord Fitz-Hugh; and that he married firſt, Alice, daughter of Thomas Nevil of Rolleſton, Eſq; relict of Richard Thurland; ſecondly, Agnes, daughter of Sir Robert Conſtable of Flamborough in Yorkſhire, Knt. relict of Sir Walter Griffith, Knt. and died in the ſixth year of the ſame king, in the houſe of the Fryers Predicants in London, and was buried in Clifton church, as appears from this following inſcription upon a flat marble there:

> Orate pro Anima Gervaſii Clifton, Militis, Filii & Heredis Roberti Clifton, Militis, Fundatoris Collegii de Clifton, finiti & ſtabiliti per Dominum Gervaſium, qui obiit in domo Fratrum Prædicatorum apud London,

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don, 12° Die Maii, Anno 1491, cujus Corpus abinde per Agnetem Filiam Roberti Conſtable de Flamburgh, Militis, ſecundam Uxorem ejuſdem Gervaſii, & alias ejus Executores, juxta voluntatem ſuam, iſtuc honorificè & decenter conductum fuit, & ſub hoc Lapide marmoreo hic humatum; cujus animæ propitietur Deus.—Pro cujus quidem Agnetis proſperitate dum vixerit, & pro cujus animâ cum ab hac luce migraverit, ſpeciales ordinantur Memoriæ & Orationes per Gardianum & Capellanos Collegii prædicti, juxta Compoſitionem & Statuta inde ordinata, perpetuis futuris Temporibus devotè fienda. (*a*)

There is a very good tomb of alabaſter for this man's firſt wife, with her figure upon it, in Clifton church, and the arms of Clifton and Nevil of Rolleſton on the ſide, and at the head of it another, either for this man, or his ſon, without inſcription or arms, ſaving that upon his breaſt is a lion rampant (*b*).

The inquiſition, after his death, taken at Blithe, the 30th of October, anno 7 Henry VII. ſays, that he died the 12th day of May laſt paſt, (which was in the ſixth year of that king) and Robert Clifton, clerk, was his ſon and heir, and above thirty years old at the death of his father.

Of this Robert Clifton, I hear no more, but upon tradition, that being pioufly devoted, he became a ſecular prieſt, died unmarried, and gave his temporal eſtate to his younger brother Gervaſe Clifton, afterwards knighted; for he was made knight of the Bath by King Henry VII. in the tenth year of his reign, at the time he created his ſecond ſon, Henry, duke of York. He married firſt, Agnes, daughter of Sir Walter Griffith abovementioned; ſecondly, Joan, daughter of John Buſſy, widow of Sir Nicholas Byron, Knt. (*c*) by the laſt he had no iſſue. In the fourteenth year of that king, Robert Wield, gave to Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Knt. and John de St. Andrew, Eſq; all his lands in Bovington, *juxta Sutton*; and in the 17th of Henry VII. he was made ſheriff of the counties of Nottingham and Derby: He died June 5, 23 Henry VII. It appears by the inquiſition taken after his ſon's death, in the 9th of King Henry VIII. that Robert Clifton, was his ſon and heir; and that he had a younger ſon, Hugh Clifton, and tho' not mentioned in the inqiſition, he had another ſon, Gervaſe Clifton, who was of the Cuſtomhouſe at the port of London, and was father of Sir Gervaſe Clifton, ſummoned to parliament as a baron of the realm, the 6th of James I. by the title of lord Clifton of Leighton-Bromſwold, which title is now enjoy'd by the right honourable the earl of Darnley (*d*).

His

(*a*) Thoroton, p. 57. (*b*) Ibid. Nott. p. 58. (*c*) Ibid. p. 53. (*d*) Peerage of England, by Arthur Collins, Eſq; vol. IV. p. 199.

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His eldeſt ſon, Robert, married firſt, Alice, daughter of Simon Digby, Eſq; lieutenant of the tower of London, by whom he had no iſſue; and by his ſecond wife he added the greateſt luſtre to his family: For he married Agnes, daughter to Henry lord Clifford, and ſiſter to Henry, the firſt earl of Cumberland, who, thro' the lines of Clifford, Percy, and Mortimer, was lineally deſcended from Lionel Plantagenet, duke of Clarence, third ſon of that victorious monarch King Edward III. She was married after his death, to Robert Melford—This Robert Clifton, died a young man, the 3d of September, the 9th of Henry VIII. leaving Gervaſe Clifton his ſon and heir, not two years old, as appears by the inquiſition taken at Nottingham.

Which Gervaſe Clifton, was of full age, and ſued out his livery in the 28th year of Henry VIII. In the 33d year of that reign, the king grants to his ſervant, Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Knt, for the ſum of 651l. 5s. his manor of Armyn in the county of York, late belonging to the diſſolv'd monaſtery of the virgin Mary in York, to him, his heirs and aſſigns for ever. Anno 34, the ſame king grants him the ward and marriage of Gervaſe Boſwell; and anno 38 Henry VIII. the ward and marriage of Thomas Fairfax. Theſe were his rewards for his court ſervice: As to his civil employments, he was juſtice of the peace, and Quorum, the moſt part of his long life; and I find him ſheriff of Nottingham and Derby in the laſt year of Henry VIII. (*a*) and again, the firſt of the reign of Queen Mary; and after, of Nottingham alone, in the 13th of Q. Elizabeth. He had likewiſe ſeveral military employments; for he ſerv'd under King Henry VIII. at the ſiege of Bulloigne, and was knighted, ſays Hollinſhed in his chronicles, at Muſſelburgh, by the duke of Somerſet, in the reign of King Edward VI. It is likely he was there, but 'tis manifeſt he was knighted in the days of King Henry VIII. Anno 2 Eliz. A. D. 1560, he ſerv'd at the ſiege of Leith in Scotland, under the lord Grey; and upon notice of the peace concluded, Sir Gervaſe Clifton, was ſent into the trenches, on the weſt ſide of Leith, to command the ſoldiers to forbear hoſtility; and the next day (the 7th of June) he was ſent into the town, with Sir Francis Leke, to cauſe the peace to be proclaimed, where he was feaſted by Monſieur Doyſel, the governor.

He was a perſon of great authority both in peace and war, yet notwithſtanding this martial inclination, he was a gentleman of ſo courteous and affable a diſpoſition, that he was uſually ſtil'd, and is remembred to this day, by the name of Sir Gervaſe, the gentle, which character, they ſay, Queen Elizabeth gave him, if this diſtich was hers, (which tradition affirms) of four of her Nottinghamſhire knights.

Gervaſe

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies in Derbyſhire.

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Gervaſe the gentle, Stanhop the ſtout,
Marcham the lion, and Sutton the lout.

He was twice married, firſt to Mary, daughter to Sir John Nevile of Cheet, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had five children, viz. Elizabeth, the firſt wife of Sir Peter Frechevile of Staveley, in Derbyſhire, Knt. Frances, Robert, Gervaſe, and Anthony, which four laſt died young unmarried: Their names and ſtatures are all on the right ſide of his tomb, in Clifton church. The ſecond wife of Sir Gervaſe, was Winifred, daughter and heir to William Thwaites of Owlton, in the county of Suffolk, Eſq; relict of Sir George Pierpoint of Holme, Knt. by whom he had George his ſon and heir (*a*), who married Winifred, daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold of Marſton in Lincolnſhire, Knt. (by Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir John Conſtable of Kinalton, Knt.) and died in the life-time of his father, Auguſt 1, 1587, leaving his wife with child of Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Bart. being at the time of his death but 20 years and 7 months old, as appears by the following inſcription upon his monument, in the north iſle of Clifton church:

> Here lieth George Clyſton, Eſq; who was Son and Heir apparent of Sir Gervis Clifton of Clifton, Knight, and Dame Winifride his Wife, who married Winifride, the Daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold, and Dame Anne his Wife, one of the Daughters and Heirs of Sir John Conſtable of Kynalton, Knight; which George, had Iſſue by his ſaid wife, Gervais Clifton, and died at Clifton the firſt (or fifth) of Aug. 1587, and was of the age of 20 Years and 7 Months.
>
> This Stone covereth the Body of Dame Anne Thorold, Daughter of Sir John Conſtable of Kinalton, Knight, and Heir to her Mother, who was Daughter and Coheir to —— Sothell, Eſquire, and Widow of Sir Anthony Thorold of Marſton, in the County of Lincoln, Knight, the moſt loving and careful Grandmother of Sir Gervas Clifton, Knight and Baronet, who laid the ſame for her Piety and exemplary Vertues, worthy to be had in perpetual Remembrance, died here, Aug. 1611. (*b*)

His lady ſurviving him, married firſt Henry Kervile of Wigenhale, in Norfolk, Eſq; and ſecondly, Sir Edward Gawſell of Watlington, in Norfolk, Knt.

Sir Gervaſe Clifton, his father, died in the ſame year 1587, on the 20th of January, and lies buried under a ſtately monument in Clifton church, which bears this inſcription;

'Here

(*a*) The deſcent from this George, to Sir Clifford Clifton, Knt. is from a pedigree in the hand-writing of Sir William Dugdale, in the poſſeſſion of T. Wotton. (*b*) Thoroton's Notting. p. 60.

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'Here lyeth the Bodies of Sir Gervis Clifton of 'Clifton, in the County of Nottingham, Knt. and 'Dame Mary his firſt Wife, Daughter of Sir John Ne-'vile of Cheete, in the County of York, Knt. And 'of Dame Winifride his ſecond Wife, the Daughter 'and Heir of William Thwaites of Owlton, in the 'County of Suffolk, Eſq; which Dame Mary de-'ceaſed the 10th of April, Anno 1564. And the 'ſaid Sir Gervaſe deceaſed the 20th Day of January, 'Anno 1587. And the ſaid Dame Winifride de-'ceaſed———

The ſaid Sir Gervaſe, at the time of his death, left his grandſon and heir, but four months and eleven days old, as we may ſee by the office found for him. Which Sir Gervaſe Clifton, the grandſon, was made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King James I. and afterwards advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He was a gentleman every way worthy of his ancient extraction and deſerving anceſtors, having lived with as much luſtre and love in his country, as any in his time. He was certainly more gentle than his grandfather, being generally the moſt noted perſon of his time for courteſy; he was very proſperous, and beloved of all. He generouſly, hoſpitably, and charitably entertained all, from the king to the pooreſt beggar; his port and hoſpitality exceeded many of the nobility; he was almoſt fourſcore years lord of Clifton, and a moſt extraordinary kind landlord and good maſter (*a*): Of a diſpoſition moſt noble; of good erudition; and throughout the long and unnatural rebellion, temp. Car. I. of a moſt unſhaken and unſully'd loyalty to his lawful ſovereign; and paid 7625l. for compoſition of his eſtate to the ſequeſtrators, (*b*). He ſerv'd in eight parliaments, (*c*) he was Knight of the ſhire, temp. Jac. I. and Car. II. and ſerv'd for Retford, temp. Car. I. and was commiſſioner at Oxford and Newark, for King Charles I. and for one thing he was more remarkable, (having in that gone beyond any of our nation, as yet heard of;) he had ſix wives, and married a ſeventh when he was near ſeventy years old. His firſt lady was Penelope, daughter to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick, ſhe died 26 October 1613, aged twenty-three: He had by her Sir Gervaſe, his eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor. By his ſecond lady Frances, daughter of Francis Clifford, earl of Cumberland, he had iſſue Sir Clifford Clifton, and four daughters; Margaret, married firſt to Sir John South of Kelſtern, in Lincolnſhire, Knt. ſecondly to William Whichcote of Dunſton in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; thirdly, to Robert, lord Hunſdon. Frances, was wife, firſt, of Richard Tempeſt of Bracewell in Yorkſhire, Eſq; and ſecondly to Anthony Eyre of Rampton,

(*a*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 55. (*b*) See the liſt of thoſe that compounded for their eſtates in letter C. (*c*) Thoroton, p. 55.

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Rampton, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; Anne, to Sir Francis Rodes of Barlbro in Derbyſhire, Bart. and Lettice, to Clifton Rodes, Eſq; brother to Sir Francis; this lady died November 22, 1627, aged thirty-three years. The third was Mary, daughter of John Egiock of Egiock, in com. Wigorn, Eſq; widow of Sir Francis Leke of Sutton, in com. Derb. Knt. by her he had no iſſue, ſhe died January 19, 1630. In the chancel, by the ſide of the vault in Clifton church, is the following inſcription for theſe three ladies;

Memoriæ conſervandæ cauſa
Dilectiſſimarum ſibi Conjugum,
Penelopes filiæ Roberti Comitis Warwicenſis &
Penelopes Uxoris ejus, Fœminæ tum corporis tum
animi egregia pulchritudine conſpicua. Quæ cum
convixiſſet marito annos 5. peperiſſetq; ei unicum
filium
Gervaſium, mortua eſt, & hic conditur.
Obiit 26 die Octobris, anno Salutis MDCXIII.
Ætatis ſuæ 23.

Franciſcæ Franciſco & Griſilda Comite & Comitiſſa
Cumbriæ genitæ, Nobiliſſimæ, Prudentiſſimæ,
Pientiſſimæ Fœminæ, quæ relicta prole
Margareta, Franciſca, Anna, Cliffordo & Lætitia,
Migravit ex hac vita 22 die Novembris, An. Dom.
1627. Ætatis ſuæ 33. & eodem conditur.

Mariæ filiæ Johannis Egioke de Egioke in Comitatu
Wigorniæ Armigeri, & Annæ Uxoris ejus,
Franciſci Leeke de Sutton in Agro Derbienſi,
Equitis Aurati Viduæ, Lectiſſimæ Fœminæ, ætatis
in Senectutem inclinatæ, Animi in Mariti Liberos
Materni, mortua eſt 19 die Januarii, An. Dom.
1630, & ſepulta in Templo Divi Egidii Lond.
Illis quidem Monumentum,
Sibi verò eſt Meditamentum.

Inter Sepulchra majorum ſuorum qui per Annos
plus quàm ſexcentos Equeſtri dignitate villam
hanc incoluerunt, poſuit Gervaſius de Clifton,
Eques Auratus, & Baronettus.

Expecta tot terra meis majoribus orta
Tandem me ejuſdem hinc ordinis atq; loci,
Et ſimilem, quod ſi quiſquam concedere nolit,
Muneris ecce tui eſt ut ſimilem facias. (*a*)

His fourth lady was Iſabel, daughter of —— Meek of Wolverhampton, Eſq; relict of John Hodges, Eſq; alderman of London; ſhe died alſo without iſſue, and was buried at Clifton, (as were alſo his two firſt ladies) July 10, 1637. The fifth was Anne, daughter of Sir Francis South of Kelſterne, in Lincolnſhire,

(*a*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 61.

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ſhire, Knt. buried at Clifton, (having no iſſue) 1 June, 1639. The ſixth was Jane, daughter of Anthony Eyre of Rampton, Eſq; (by whom he was father of Robert Clifton, who married Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel Parkhurſt of Woodford, in Eſſex, Eſq; Charles, who died unmarried; Jane, wife of Chriſtopher Pack of Coates, in com. Leic. Eſq; Elizabeth and Mary who died young) ſhe died at London, and was buried at Clifton, the 17th of March, 1655. The ſeventh wife of Sir Gervaſe, was Alice, daughter of Henry, earl of Huntingdon, by whom he had no iſſue: She ſurvived her huſband, but died the ſame year, and was buried in St. Giles's church, London, (1666,) as was his third lady.

Dr. Thoroton, in his antiquities of Nottinghamſhire (*a*), ſays, 'This Sir Gervaſe was of a ſound body, and a chearful and facetious ſpirit, yet in his latter time timorous, ſo that his laſt part was miracle enough to convert an atheiſt, to ſee his chriſtianity ſo far prevail over his nature, that without the leaſt ſhadow of fear, unwearied with grief or ſickneſs, he left the choiceſt things of this world with as great pleaſure as others enjoy them. He received from me the certain notice of his near approaching death, as he was wont to do an invitation of good friends to his own bowling-green (one of the moſt pleaſant imaginable) and thereupon immediately called for his old chaplain Mr. Robert Thirleby, to do the office of his confeſſor, as if it had been to attend him to that recreation he often uſed and lov'd, and when he had done with him, for his children, whom patriarch like he particularly bleſſed and admoniſhed, with the ſmartneſs and ingenuity of an excellent and well ſtudied orator. The day following he received viſits from divers friends, ſitting in the old dining-room near his bedchamber, who were not ſo ſenſible of his danger, becauſe he entertain'd them after his uſual manner; yet that night (as I eaſily foretold him) his ſleepineſs began, which could never be taken away, by reaſon that both his ureters were ſo petrified (as things are by the dropping-well near Knareſburgh in Yorkſhire) that no urine could deſcend into his bladder, as at the opening of his body did manifeſtly appear, as alſo that one of his kidneys had of long time before been totally ſtopped with a wonderful great ſtone, as is reported of the pious and learned Dr. Hammond, whoſe hair was alſo red, like that of this worthy Sir Gervaſe, who died June 28, 1666, and was buried the ſecond of Auguſt following with great ſolemnity; Mr. Dugdale Norroy, Mr. Aſhmole Windſor, and Mr. Ryley Lancaſter, Heralds; the choir of Southwell, and many mourners attending his funeral.'

In the chancel of Clifton, by the ſide of the vault, is a noble mauſoleum for thoſe of his ladies buried at Clifton; and a very curious

(*a*) P. 57

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curious monument is erected to his memory over the door into the vault, containing, *A Buſto of himſelf in his own Hair, within ſeven Eſcucheons Baron and Femme, ſet circular between two Pillars, with Entabliture and open Pediment, with an Acroſter of the Arms and Quarterings, mantled and creſted*; at the bottom is this inſcription (*a*);

Hic intus cum Patribus & Uxoribus ſuis dormit Generoſiſſimus Dominus Gervaſius Clifton, Miles, & (primæ creationis &c. 9. Jac.) Baronettus, qui de Patriâ & tribus Regibus in octo Parliamentis bene meruit, nec non de Carolo primo durante bello Commiſſionarius in præſidiis Oxonio & Newarka, quem antea cum Maria Regina in manerio de Clifton feſtivè refecerat. Septem Uxores duxit, quarum tres juxta memorantur, viz. Penelope, filia Roberti, Comitis Warwic. 2. Domina Franciſca, filia Franciſci, Comitis Cumbr. 3. Maria, filia Joh. Egioke, Armig. Relicta Fran. Leeke, Militis. 4. Iſabella, Vidua Johannis Hodges, Alderm. London. hic ſepulta, Jul. 10. 1637. 5. Anna, filia Franciſci South, Militis, hic etiam condita, Jun. 1. 1639. 6. Jana, filia Anthonii Eyre de Rampton, Ar. Mater Roberti Clifton, Janæ & Caroli Clifton, obiit Londini huc tranſlata, Mar. 17, 1655. 7. Domina Alicia, filia Henrici, Comitis Huntington, Marito ſuperfuit, ſed eodem anno 1666 in Eccleſia S. Egidii, London. inhumata. Ipſe lætus felicem obivit mortem, Jun. 28, & Pompâ decorâ hic repoſitus fuit, Aug. 2 1666, anno Ætatis ſuæ 80. Hunc ſecutus eſt filius ejus Dominus Cliffordus Clifton, Miles, Jun. 22, 1669. Vir Franciſcæ, filiæ Domini Henneagii Finch, Militis, & Pater Wilielmi Clifton, Katherinæ, & Arabellæ.

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Gervaſius Holland Servus & Cognatus Poſuit.

He was ſucceeded in the dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon by his firſt lady.

Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Bart. who married Sarah, daughter of Timothy Puſey of Selſton, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; of the ancient family of the Puſeys, in com. Bucks; ſhe died Jan. 22, 1652, and upon a coffin in the Clifton's vault, is this inſcription for her (*b*);

Sarah Uxor Gervaſii Clifton, Armigeri, filii natu maximi Gervaſii Clifton de Clifton, in Comitatu Nott. Equitis & Baronetti. Filia Timothei Puſey nuper de Celſton Armig. ab antiqua Puſeanorum familia in Com. Berchierienſi oriundi, diem obiit, Jan. 22, An. Dom. 1652.

(*a*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 62. (*b*) Ibid.

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Digniſſima hoc Epitaphio.
Virtutis jacet hic Monumentum vivida quondam
Vivendi, Mortis nunc jacet Archetypa.
Hoſpes pauperibus; rapido ſic caſta Marito,
Penelope ut merito victa pudere queat. 1652.

and he dying without iſſue, the 14th of January, 1675, was ſucceeded by his nephew,

Sir William Clifton, Bart. only ſurviving ſon of Sir Clifford Clifton, Knt. and Frances his wife, daughter of Sir Heneage Finch, Knt. recorder of London; which Sir Clifford, was the only ſon of Sir Gervaſe, by his ſecond marriage; this Sir William, died unmarried; leaving two ſiſters, his coheirs; Catherine, married to Sir John Parſons, Bart. (mother of the preſent Sir William,) and Arabella, married to Sir Francis Wheeler, Knt. one of the admirals under King William, who was unfortunately caſt away near Cadiz. He was ſucceeded in title and eſtate by his couſin, Sir Gervaſe Clifton, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Robert Clifton, Eſq; another ſon of Sir Gervaſe, by his ſixth wife;

Which Sir Gervaſe, married Anne, daughter of Dudley Bagnall, of Newry in Ireland, Eſq; [which family is now the only remaining branch of thoſe two famous brothers, Sir Samuel, and Sir Henry Bagnall, who were ſent into Ireland by Queen Elizabeth, the firſt with the title of Marſhal of that kingdom, and the latter diſtinguiſhed himſelf very eminently at the taking of Cadiz, where he received eight wounds, and covered with blood, was then knighted] by whom he had fifteen ſons, and one daughter; ten of the ſons died unmarried, theſe that follow are now living: 1. Sir Robert, his ſucceſſor. 2. William, who married Mrs. Wharton, by whom he hath no iſſue. 3. Alfred, firſt an officer in the French ſervice, now in the Ruſſian. 4. Dudley, who has embraced a religious life. 5. George, who married Anne, only daughter and heir of Robert Sacheverell, of Barton in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; by whom he has two daughters; Jane, only daughter of Sir Gervaſe, is a nun of the order of St. Clare, at Graveline. Sir Gervaſe died, March 173⁰, and his lady ſurviving him, married William Blackburne, of Ongar, in Eſſex, Eſq;

Sir Robert Clifton his eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, and is the preſent baronet. He married the lady Frances, daughter of the right honourable Nanſan Coot, earl of Bellamont, of the kingdom of Ireland, (by lady Frances his wife, youngeſt daughter of the right honourable Henry de Naſſau, earl of Grantham) ſhe died leaving him only one daughter, Frances. He had the honour, in the year 1725, to be made one of the knights of the honourable order of the Bath; and was elected in

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the two laſt parliaments, one of the repreſentatives for Eaſt-Retford, in Nottinghamſhire: he married ſecondly, in June, 1740, ——, eldeſt daughter and coheir of the late Sir Thomas Lombe, Knt. alderman of London, by whom he hath as yet no iſſue.

ARMS: Sable, Seme of Cinquefoils, and a Lion rampant, Argent.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Coronet, a Demi Peacock, per Pale, Argent and Sable, his Wings expanded, Counter-changed.

MOTTO: *Tenez le Droit.*

SEAT: At *Clifton*, near *Nottingham.*

5. GERARD, of Bryn, Lancaſhire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

AS it was the cuſtom in ancient times, for perſons to aſſume ſurnames from their poſſeſſions, offices, &c. ſo did they likewiſe frequently vary the ſame in after-ages. Hence it is we often meet with ſeveral families of different appellation, deſcended from one common anceſtor, as will, among others, evidently appear in the folowing account.

Walter Fitzother, at the time of the general ſurvey by William, the conqueror, was caſtellan of Windſor, warden of the foreſts in Berkſhire, and poſſeſſed ſeveral lordſhips in the counties of Middleſex, Hants, and Bucks; (*a*) that Dominus Otherus, is ſaid to have held in the time of Edward, the confeſſor.

William, the eldeſt ſon of that Walter, took the ſurname of Windſor, from his father's office, and was anceſtor to the lords Windſor (*b*), whoſe heir is the preſent earl of Plymouth; and from Gerald, brother to that William, the Gerards, and many other families, are lineally deſcended.

The ſaid Gerald, is ſometimes ſurnamed de Windſor, and alſo Fitz-Walter, (*i. e.*) ſon of Walter; the latter, Camden, ſtiles him, mentioning, that King Henry I. gave him Molesford, in com. Berks (*c*); and that the Carews, as well of England, as Ireland, deſcended from him. He was caſtellan of Pembroke, which caſtle he fortified and defended with great courage againſt the Welſh; and having ſlain Owen, ſon of Cadugan ap Blethyn, chief lord of Cardiganſhire, was made preſident of the county of Pembroke. He had by Neſta, his wife, daughter of Rees, ſon of Theodore the Great, prince of South-Wales, three ſons; William,

(*a*) Doomſday, Lib. de liſd. Com. (*b*) Dugd. Baron. vol. I. and II. (*c*) Camd. Brit. Com. Berks.

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Maurice, and David; the latter was bishop of St. Davids, A. D. 1148, and died 1176; of whom Giraldus Cambrensis, hath written.

Maurice Fitz-Gerald, the second son, was one of the adventurers with Richard Strongbow, earl of Pembroke, in the conquest of Ireland, 1170; as he had been with Robert Fitz-Stephen, when he landed two years before and took Weisford; and here was the first colony of the English, settled in Ireland (*a*); and by their valour open'd a way for subjecting that dominion to the crown of England: the said Maurice, settling there, became the ancestor to several great and noble families which flourished in that kingdom, particularly to the earls of Kildare, premier earls of that realm.

William Fitz-Gerald, eldest son of Gerald, was possessed of the castle of Kerriu, or Carrio, in Carmarthenshire, the inheritance of his mother; and 12 Henry II. held in England, in com. Bucks, two knights fees (*b*), as also the manor of Spersholt, in com. Berks. He, and Odo, his son, gave the village of Redbard, distant a mile from Carew-castle, to the knights-templers (*c*), and died 1173; he left issue, 1. Odo, who had the said castle of Karriu, Carrio, or Carew, as now written, from whom the numerous family of the Carews, descend, as we shall farther shew in this work. 2. Raymond Craffus, a principal sharer in the conquest of Ireland, who had a natural son named Maurice, from whom the lords Fitz-Maurice, of Kerry, in Ireland, derive themselves. The other sons of William, were, Silvester, Henry, and William; the latter is the direct ancestor to this family of Gerard, that we are to treat of (*d*). He was justice in Eyre, in com. Cestr. and was father of that William, who married Emme, eldest daughter and coheir to Sir Richard Kingsley, de Kingsley, in com. Cest. Knt. and of Joan, his wife, daughter and coheir of Alex. de Stanton; whose mother, Annabella, was daughter and heir of Randolph Silvester, 18 Ed. I. The said William Gerard, 16 Ed. I. was one of the jury on the death of Sir Hamon Massy, of Dunham-Massy: he left issue two sons, William, and John.

William, the eldest, married Matilda, daughter to Henry de Glasehouse; and did homage to Edward, earl of Chester, afterwards King Ed. II. for his lands in Cheshire, and died at Eaton-hall, 26 Ed. III. He left issue two sons, William, and Thomas Gerard. The said Thomas, had Crewood, and divers lands in Kingsley, Crouton, and Bradley, in the county of Chester, by gift of his father, which were confirmed to him by his brother, 33 Ed. III. From him the Gerards, of Crew, in Cheshire, descended, that ended in an heiress, married to Edward Norris, of Speake, in com. Lanc. Esq;

William,

(*a*) Leic. Ant. (*b*) Lib. rub. in Scac. (*c*) E Col. Camden ex Regist. Sancti Johann. Hierusal. (*d*) Ex item. penes Dom. W. Gerard, Bar.

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William, the elder brother, was aged thirty years (*a*) at his father's death; and by marriage with the daughter and heir of Peter de Bryn, or Brynhill, in com. Lanc. became poſſeſſed of that eſtate, which he left to his ſon, Sir Peter Gerard, de Bryn, who died 4 Ric. II. leaving Thomas, his eldeſt ſon, heir to the eſtate at Bryn, of whom hereafter. To Peter, his ſecond ſon, he left Kingſley; and John, his third ſon, marrying Helen, only daughter and heir to Richard de Ince, (the intended wife of Thomas, his elder brother, then engaged in the wars againſt the Scots,) became poſſeſſed of that eſtate; and from them the noble family of the Gerards, barons of Gerards-Bromley, the late earls of Macclesfield, the Gerards, of Flamberds, Barts. and other branches, were deſcended: tho' the title of baronet, granted to Sir Gilbert Gerard, of Flamberds, in Harrow on the Hill, in Middleſex, April 13, 1620, is extinct. Yet the chief part of that eſtate went to Mrs. Stapleton, now of Flamberds, (daughter and heir to Sir Charles Gerard, of Flamberds, Bart. who died 1701, by the lady Honora, daughter to Charles, lord Seymour, of Trowbridge, ſiſter to Charles, duke of Somerſet,) who was firſt married to Warwick Lake, of Canons, in Middleſex, Eſq; and ſecondly, to Miles Stapleton, Eſq; third ſon of Sir William Stapleton, of the Leeward Iſlands, Bart. by the ſecond marriage, ſhe had one ſon, Miles, and two daughters, Anne, and Frances; but by the firſt, one ſon, Lancelot-Charles Lake, of Harrow, Eſq; who married Letitia, one of the daughters of the late John Gumley, Eſq; commiſſary-general, ſiſter to Mrs. Pulteney, wife of William Pulteney, Eſq. Sir Francis Gerard, Bart. (younger brother, and ſucceſſor of Sir Charles Gerard, of Flamberds, Bart.) died Auguſt, 1704, without iſſue male, but left two daughters; one married to —— Lethuellier, Eſq; and Iſabella, firſt married in 1725, to Sir John Fryer, Bart. lord mayor of London, 1720, and who is now the lady of the right honourable the lord viſcount Palmerſton.

And from a younger ſon of the Gerards, of Ince, was Sir William Gerard, Knt. deſcended; who was recorder of Cheſter, maſter of the requeſts, and lord-chancellor of Ireland, &c. temp. Eliz. who lies buried in St. Oſwald's church, in Cheſter (*b*), with the following inſcription over him:

> Here lyeth the Body of Sir William Gerard, Knight, Lord-Chancellor of Ireland, one of her Majeſty's moſt Honourable Council in the Marches of Wales, Juſtice of Aſſize within the Counties of Glamorgan, Brecknock, and Radnor, one of her Majeſty's Maſter of Requeſte, and late Recorder of this Citty, who deceaſed the firſt day of May, A D. 1581, leaving Dame Dorothy, one of the Daughters of Andrew Barton, of Smithells, in the County of Lanc. Eſq; and by her, two Sons, and four Daughters.

(*a*) Eſch. 26 Edward III. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 13.

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Thomas Gerard, of Bryn, the eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Peter, before mentioned, was knighted in the Scottiſh wars, having valiantly behaved himſelf, and brought conſiderable ſuccours to that ſervice. 17 Ric. II. being then a knight, he ſerved in parliament for Lancaſhire (*a*), and left iſſue,

Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. who received a commiſſion from Hen. IV. as duke of Lancaſter, to appear at Shrewſbury, with able men, [*Homines defenſibiles.*] The ſaid Sir Thomas, left iſſue a ſon of his own name, the firſt of Hen. V. who attended that prince in his glorious wars againſt France, and John Gerard, to whom a commiſſion of array was ſent by the ſaid King. The laſt Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. left iſſue Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. 13 Hen. VI. who was likewiſe in the wars againſt France; of whom Pere Daniel, ſays, 'Anno 1437, at the ſiege of Montereau, 'where the King of France attended in perſon, the garriſon be-'haved with great valour, having at their head an Engliſh 'knight, named Thomas Guerard (*b*).' But he dying without iſſue,

Sir Thomas Gerard, of Kingſley, became his heir, who was great grandſon to Peter Gerard, of Kingſley, before mentioned, who was living temp. Hen. IV. and marrying Iſabel, daughter to Thomas Strangeways, Eſq; had iſſue, John, who died 10 H. VI. father to Peter, who deceaſed 4 Hen. VII. father to Sir Thomas Gerard, laſt named, aged 14 years, anno 18 Hen. VII. (*c*)

Which Sir Thomas, marrying Dowſe, daughter to Sir Thomas Aſſheton, of Aſſheton-Underline, in com. Lanc. Knt. had iſſue by her, Peter, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Stanley, of Hooton, Knt. and heir to her mother, Margaret, daughter and heir to Sir John Bromley, of Bromley, in Staffordſhire, Knt. but dying before his father, A. D. 1492, 8 Hen. VII. was buried with his anceſtors, in their chapel adjoining to the pariſh church of Winwick. and a monument erected to his memory is yet remaining. The ſaid Peter, left iſſue, Sir Thomas Gerard, and four daughters, Joan, wife to Richard Done, of Utkington, in Cheſhire; Iſabel, married Richard Langton, ſtil'd baron of Walton, and Newton, in Lancaſhire; the third daughter, married Will. Ratcliff, of Wimberſly; and the fourth, John Southworth, of Samleſbury, Eſqrs.

Sir Thomas Gerard, ſucceeded his grandfather, Sir Thomas, in the eſtates of Bryn, and Kingſley; he brought conſiderable ſuccours of his tenants and archers, out of Brindall, to the aſſiſtance of Thomas, earl of Surry, againſt the Scots, who, anno 1513, enter'd Northumberland, whilſt King Henry VIII. was buſy in his wars in France. At Flodden-field, both armies engaging,

Sir

(*a*) Prynn's Regiſt. vol. IV. p. 423. (*b*) Daniel's Hiſt. de France, 4to. vol. VI. p. 143. (*c*) Eſch. de iiſd. Ann.

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Sir Thomas, behaved himſelf with great valour; and to the Lancaſhire archers, the fame of that great victory is generally own'd; wherein the king of Scotland was ſlain, and the principal of his nobility and gentry had the ſame fate, or were taken priſoners.

This Sir Thomas, by Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford, in com. Lanc. Knt. widow firſt to —— Longford, ſecondly, to Sir John Port of Etwall in Derbyſhire, Knt. had iſſue by her Thomas, his ſon and heir, and four daughters, Margaret, wife to Peter Legh, of Lyme; in com. Ceſtr. Catherine, wife to Thomas Hoghton, of Hoghton-Tower; Elizabeth, wife of Richard Bold, of Bold; and —— wife to Richard Aſſheton, of Middleton, in com. Lanc. Eſquires.

Thomas, ſon and heir of the laſt Sir Thomas, received alſo the honour of knighthood; was knight of the ſhire for Lancaſhire, eighth and ninth years of Q. Eliz. and one of the principal of the committee of thirty members, to conſult with a committee of thirty lords (*a*), to make ſuit to her majeſty, touching her marriage and declaration of a ſucceſſor. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Peter Legh, of Lyme, and was high ſheriff A. D. 1548. They left iſſue Katherine, married to William Tarbock, Eſq; and Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. who was high ſheriff of Lancaſhire, 1553 and 1558; and was one of the commiſſioners for the ſubſidy, in the year 1553; with Edward, earl of Derby, Sir Richard Molineux, of Sefton, Sir Peter Legh, Sir John Holecroft, Sir John Atherton, and Sir William Norris: He married Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter of Sir John Port of Etwal, in Derbyſhire, Knt. (and Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir to her mother's inheritance, being daughter of Sir Thomas Gifford, of Chillington, in Staffordſhire, Knt. and Dorothy his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir John Montgomery, Knt. which Sir John Port, was ſon of John Port, Eſq; and Jane his wife, daughter of John Fitzherbert, of Etwall, in Derbyſhire, Eſq; and relict of John Pole, of Radburn, in the ſame county, Eſq; (*b*)) George, earl of Huntingdon, married Dorothy, the ſecond daughter; and Sir Thomas Stanhope, (anceſtor to the preſent earl of Cheſterfield) Margaret, the third daughter, coheireſſes to the ſaid Sir John Port, who was founder of the hoſpital of Etwall, and the free-ſchool of Repton in the ſaid county; of which ſaid hoſpital and ſchool, worth above 500 l. per ann. the ſaid three families are governours, by the laſt will and teſtament of the ſaid Sir John Port, and by letters patent granted by King James I. The ſaid Sir Thomas Gerard, was ſent to the Tower twice, being accuſed of a deſign to deliver the Queen of Scots out of her confinement; and was forced, to procure his own liberty, to give the noble eſtate of the Bromleys, deſcended to him by his great grandmother, to his kinſman, then attorney-general, Sir Gilbert Gerard,

(*a*) Dewe's Journal, p. 126. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 11.

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rard, afterwards maſter of the rolls, and to diſpoſe of and mortgage ſeveral lordſhips in Leiceſterſhire, Derbyſhire, Cheſhire, and Yorkſhire, beſides Brindall, Scormenſdale, and half Kirkby, in Lancaſhire. The ſaid Sir Thomas Gerard, left iſſue three daughters; Mary, wife to John Jenniſon, of Walworth, in Durham, Eſq; Dorothy, married to Edmond Peckham, Eſq; ſon of Sir George, and Martha, married to Michael Jenniſon, Eſq; brother to John; alſo two ſons, Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. and John Gerard, who was ſeveral times tortured in the Tower; out of which he made his eſcape, and was chiefly inſtrumental in building the college at Liege, where he died in opinion of great ſanctity.

Sir Thomas Gerard, Knt. the eldeſt ſon, was created a baronet at the firſt inſtitution of that honour, anno 1611, 9 Jac. I. The 1000l. which he was to have given for it, was returned, in conſideration of his father's great ſufferings upon the Queen of Scots account, mother to the ſaid king; a grant for perpetuating the ſheriffdom of Lancaſhire in his family, and ſome other beneficial grants were promiſed him, but not perform'd; being alledg'd to be againſt the liberty of the ſubject.

Sir Thomas Gerard, married three wives; 1. Cecily, daughter of Sir Walter Maney of Staplehurſt, in Kent, Knt. 2. Mary, daughter of James Hawes of London, and widow of Sir Robert Lee, of London, Knt. and 3. Mary, daughter of William Dormer, Eſq; and Widow of —— Browne, Eſq; By the two laſt he had no iſſue; but by the firſt, he had Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor, and a daughter, Frances, married to Ralph Standiſh of Standiſh, in Lancaſhire, Eſq; but died without iſſue.

Sir Thomas, ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate, married in his father's life-time, Frances, daughter of Sir Richard Molineux of Sefton, in Lancaſhire, Bart. and had iſſue ſix ſons; 1. Sir William, of whom hereafter. 2. Richard. 3. Gilbert. 4. Peter. 5. Thomas, and 6. John: The four laſt died unmarried. Alſo a daughter Frances, who took a religious habit at Graveline in Flanders.

Richard Gerard, the ſecond ſon of Sir Thomas, born in October 1613, at the age of twenty-one, was one of thoſe that went firſt into Maryland with Mr. Calvert, the lord Baltimore's uncle, lord proprietor thereof, where he continued till the latter end of the year 1635, and then returned for England, where he then continued till the year 1638; at which time he rais'd a company of foot, with which he went into the ſervice of the king of Spain in the Low-Countries, and continued in that ſervice till the breaking out of the civil wars in England; when the then Queen of England, coming over into Holland, to her ſon-in-law the prince of Orange, to obtain ſome ſuccours from him, he then quitted the Spaniſh ſervice, and came to the queen at the Hague, where

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her majesty was pleased to order him to raise a regiment of foot-guards, whereof he was to be lieutenant-colonel; and coming over into England with her said majesty, landing at Burlington-Bay, he immediately repaired to the then earl of Newcastle, from whom he received his commission as lieutenant-colonel of the said regiment, dated the 16th of March 1642; and then marching with her majesty to Oxford, in his way was ordered to attack the town of Burton upon Trent, then garrison'd by the parliament; and being joined by a party of horse, under the command of Sir Thomas Tyldesly, the town was attack'd by the horse over the bridge, and by the foot thro' the river, in which he received a shot thro' his thigh, notwithstanding the town was carry'd: After which, he continued his march to Oxford, where a long time he lay ill of his said wound, so that he was not able to take the field again till the second Newbery-battle, where he then commanded the reserve, consisting of the regiment of guards and Hawkins's, and upon the surrender of Oxford, he had the benefit of those articles. Waiting upon his majesty when he was prisoner at Hurst-castle, he was the last person sent by his majesty to his queen, then in France. Upon the happy restoration of King Charles II. in May 1660, the first of January after, he was sworn cup-bearer in ordinary, and waiter to the then queen-mother, in which office he continued till her majesty's death. He departed this life the 5th of September, 1686, at Ince, which estate he had purchased, and lies buried in the parish-church of Wigan, in the chancel belonging to the family. He married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Sir Ralph Hansly of Tick-hill-castle, in the county of York, Knt. by whom he had a son who died in his infancy. 2. Judith, daughter to Sir Nicholas Steward of Pateshall, in the county of Northampton, Knt. by whom he had six sons; Thomas, and Richard, hereafter mentioned; William, Nicholas, John, and Charles, which four last all died unmarried before him; and three daughters, Frances died abbess of Ghaunt in Flanders; Anne, a nun at Liege, and Julima, died in her infancy.

1. Thomas Gerard of Ince, and Aspul, his eldest son, left five daughters, all which are dead, except two, who are now nuns in Brabant, and four sons; (1. Richard, the eldest, is now living at Wigan, in Lancashire, but has no issue: 2. William, deceased without issue: 3. Thomas, and 4. Carryl, who embraced religious lives, and are now living abroad.) 2. Richard Gerard, who left issue one son, Richard, who is father of three children, William, Mary, and Elizabeth.

Sir William Gerard, Bart. who succeeded his father in title and estate, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Cuthbert Clifton of Lytham, Knt. and just before the unfortunate breaking out of the

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the civil wars, he ſold Etwall in Derbyſhire, the only remaining part of his great grand-mother Elizabeth Port's large and fair eſtate, for an intended purchaſe of the whole manor of Newton, in Lancaſhire; but the ſum deſigned for that end, being 10000l. was ſpent in the king's ſervice; the greateſt part of which was given to the marqueſs of Worceſter, and the earl of Derby, for that uſe; the ſaid Sir William Gerard, was governor of Denbigh caſtle, one of the laſt in the kingdom which held out for the king; his eſtate was ſequeſter'd, which he was forced to purchaſe from the parliament.

Sir William, had iſſue four ſons, Sir William, his ſucceſſor, Thomas, who was firſt a captain, and afterwards took to a religious life; Cuthbert, and John Gerard, who married the heireſs of Ince, (the three laſt died without iſſue,) and one daughter, Frances, wife to Francis Howard of Corby, in Cumberland, Eſq;

Sir William Gerard, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, married firſt, Anne, daughter of Sir John Preſton, Bart. by Jane his wife, daughter and coheir of Thomas Morgan, of Weſton, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; and eldeſt ſiſter of Sir Thomas Preſton of the manor in Furneſs, in Lancaſhire, Bart. (whoſe eldeſt daughter and coheir Mary, married William, marquis of Powis; and Anne, the ſecond daughter, was wife to Hugh, lord Clifford) and by her had iſſue Sir William Gerard, Thomas, John, and Francis, which three laſt died without iſſue; and ſix daughters, Mary, Elizabeth, Anne, (who married Charles Waterton of Walton, in the county of York, Eſq;) Bridget, Frances, and Winifred, who all died unmarried except Anne. The ſecond wife to Sir William Gerard, was Mary, ſiſter of Sir Edward Moſtyn, of Talacre, in Flintſhire, Bart. and widow of James Pool, of Poole, in Cheſhire, Eſq; by her he had no iſſue.

Sir William Gerard, Bart. his eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor, married Mary, ſecond daughter of John Cansfield, of Cansfield, Eſq; and Elizabeth his wife; ſhe (by the death of her elder ſiſter Anne, widow and relict of Richard Sherburn, of Stonyhurſt, Eſq;) became ſole heireſs to her father's eſtate, as alſo to her mother's, who was daughter to James Anderton, of Birchley, Eſq; Her grandfather, Sir John Cansfield, behaved himſelf with great courage and bravery in the late civil wars; and King Charles I. owns the preſervation of his own life, and that of his ſon the prince of Wales, at the ſecond Newberry battle, in a great meaſure due to his valour, as appears from a teſtimonial in Latin, under the hand of that pious king, now in the cuſtody of Sir William Gerard. Sir William, had iſſue, firſt, three daughters, Anne, now living, a nun at Graveline; Mary, and Elizabeth, who both died unmarried: and afterwards, three ſons, Sir William, his ſucceſſor; John, now living abroad, unmarried; and Thomas, who died an infant.

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Sir William Gerard, Bart. who ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, married Elizabeth, fourth daughter of Thomas Clifton, of Lytham, in Lancaſhire, Eſq; by whom he left iſſue, three ſons, and one daughter; Sir William his ſucceſſor, Thomas, Robert, and Mary, who are all living, and in their minority.

Sir William Gerard, the eldeſt ſon, the preſent baronet, is now abroad on his travels.

ARMS: Argent, a Saltire, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Lion Rampant, Ermine, crown'd, Or.

MOTTO: *En Dieu eſt mon Eſperance.*

SEATS: At *Garſewood*, four miles from *Wigan*, and at *Bryn*, near the ſame Place, both in *Lancaſhire*.

6. SHELLEY of Michelgrove, Suſſex.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE.)

Created BARONET, May 22, 1611.

THIS family is undoubtedly of great antiquity, and came out of France, with William the conqueror (*a*).

Sir Richard Shelley, Knt. was Knight of the ſhire for Huntington, and allowed thirty-ſeven marks for his attendance in parliament. temp. Wil. Ruf. (*b*) ſeveral of his deſcendants had ſummons to parliament among the barons (*c*). Sir Thomas Shelley, Knt. was ſent ambaſſador into Spain (*d*), anno 1205; and Sir William Shelley, was ſent ambaſſador to the Emperor of Germany, temp. Hen VII. and in great eſteem with Philip II. King of Spain, who employed him in ſeveral embaſſies to the See of Rome, and Germany. (*e*)

Of this family, tho' a younger branch (*f*), was judge Shelley, who was ſent by King Henry VIII. to cardinal Woolſey, to demand the ſurrender of York-Place, near Weſtminſter, (now Whitehall) belonging to the archbiſhoprick of York, into the king's hands; telling the cardinal, 'That his highneſs had ſent for all 'the judges, and all his learned council, to know their opinions 'thereupon; whoſe opinions were, that your grace muſt make 'a recognizance, and before a judge to acknowledge and confeſs 'the

(*a*) Ex Inſpexm. Dom. Jo. Shelley, Bar. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) ibid. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Ibid. Tho' ſeveral pedigrees make this judge Shelley, to be Sir William Shelley, the immediate anceſtor of Sir John; and to marry Alice, daughter of Sir Henry Belknap, hereafter mentioned.

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'the right thereof to belong to the king and his ſucceſſors, 'wherefore the king hath appointed and ſent me hither to take 'of you the ſame recognizance, having in your grace ſuch af- 'fiance, as that ye will not refuſe ſo to do; and I deſire to know 'your grace's pleaſure therein. Maſter Shelley, (quoth my lord) 'I know that the king of his own nature is of a royal ſtomach, 'not willing more than juſtice ſhall lead him unto by the law; 'and therefore I counſel you, and all other judges, and learned 'men of his council, to put no more into his head than law that 'may ſtand with conſcience; for when ye tell him this is the 'law, ye ſhould tell him alſo, that altho' this be the law, yet 'this is conſcience, for law without conſcience is not meet to be 'given to a king by his council: For every counſellor to a king, 'ought to have a reſpect to conſcience, before the rigour of the 'law. The king ought, for his royal dignity and prerogative, 'to mitigate the rigour of the law, where conſcience hath no 'more force. Therefore I ſay to you, that in this caſe, altho' 'you, and other of your profeſſion, perceive by the orders of the 'law, that the king may lawfully do that thing which ye require 'of me: How ſay you, Maſter Shelley, may I do it with con- 'ſcience, to give that away which is none of mine, from me and 'my ſucceſſors? If this be the law and conſcience, I pray you, 'ſhew me your opinion. Forſooth, my lord, (quoth he) there is a 'great conſcience: But having regard to the king's higher power, 'and to a better purpoſe, it may the better ſtand with conſcience, 'who is ſufficient to recompence the church of York with double 'the value. That I know well, but here is no ſuch condition, '(quoth my lord) but only a bare and ſimple departure with an- 'other's right. For if every biſhop, that may, ſhould do ſo, 'then might every prelate give away the patrimony of their 'dignities, which ſhould be but ſmally to the king's honour. 'Well, I will not ſtand with you long in this matter, let me 'ſee your commiſſion. To whom M. Shelley ſhewed the ſame, 'and that ſeen, Maſter Shelley, quoth he, ye ſhall ſhew the 'king's highneſs, that I am his moſt faithful ſubject, obediencer, 'and beadman, whoſe royal commandment and requeſt I will 'in no wiſe diſobey, but fulfil his pleaſure in all ſuch things, 'wherein the fathers of the law ſay, that I may lawfully do, 'therefore I charge your conſcience to diſcharge me; howbeit, 'ſhew his highneſs from me, that I moſt humbly deſire his ma- 'jeſty to call to his moſt gracious remembrance, that there is 'both a heaven and hell: And therewithall, the clerk wrote the 'recognizance, and after ſome ſecret talk, they departed.' (a)

Of this family alſo, was Sir Thomas Shelley, one of the firſt gentlemen's families of diſtinction, that became a proteſtant, temp.

(a) Stow's Chronicle, p. 550, 551.

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temp. Eliz. (*a*) as were alſo Richard Shelley, and Henry Shelley, who had that remarkable law-ſuit, reported by judge Coke, 23 Eliz. which the queen hearing of 'for ſuch was the rare-'neſs and difficulty of the caſe, being of importance, that it was 'generally known) of her gracious diſpoſition to prevent long, 'tedious, and chargeable ſuits between parties ſo near in blood, 'which would be the ruin of both, being gentlemen of a good 'and ancient family, directed her gracious letters to Sir Thomas 'Bromley, Knt. lord-chancellor of England, who was of great 'and profound knowledge and judgment in the law, thereby re-'quiring him to aſſemble all the juſtices of England before him, 'and upon conference had between themſelves touching the ſaid 'queſtions, to give their reſolutions and judgments thereof; 'and judgment was accordingly given for the defendant (*b*), 'Henry Shelley.

A deſcendant of the ſame lineage, was Sir Richard Shelley, lord prior (*c*) of St. John of Jeruſalem: He was Dominus Natus; therefore when in Spain, refuſed to be called prior d'Inglaterra, and ſtiled himſelf Turcopolier, for the Engliſh nation (*d*); and had his ſeat in the houſe of peers: He was living 1561, and was ſent ambaſſador by the king of Spain, to Venice, and Perſia (*e*).

This family removed from Huntingtonſhire, near 500 years ago, and have ever ſince continued at Beckley, and Michelgrove, in Suſſex (*f*).

The firſt mentioned in their pedigree, is John Shelley (*g*), who had two ſons; 1. John, who gave for arms, Argent, a Feſs ingrail'd, between three Eſcallops, Sable. 2. Thomas Shelley, whoſe daughter and heir Alice, married Sir William Brampton, Knt.

John Shelley, the eldeſt ſon, by Margaret his wife, daughter and heir of John Rolph, had three ſons, who were all great men in their time, and all of them received the honour of knighthood. 1. Sir John, who for eminent ſervices done on the coaſt of France, in the beginning of Richard II. altered the family coat to, Sable, a Feſs ingrail'd, between three Periwincles, Or. 2. Sir Thomas, who ſerved as Knight of the ſhire for Bucks, 21 Rich. II. (*b*) and had 111. 12s. allowed for twenty-four days expences, for himſelf and Sir Thomas Aileſbury, who ſerved with him. He was attainted with his brother Sir John Shelley, for endeavouring to rethrone King Richard II. depoſed by Henry IV. whereby they loſt great eſtates; part of which is now enjoyed by the heirs of the late earl of Conningſby. Sir Thomas, performed

(*a*) Ex. Infor. Dom. Joh. Shelley, Bar. (*b*) Coke's Reports, vol. I. p. 105, 106. (*c*) Ex Inform. Dom. J. Shelley, Bar. (*d*) Strype's Annals, vol. I. p. . (*e*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Shelley, Bar. (*f*) Ibid. (*g*) Ibid. (*b*) Prynn's Parliam. Regiſt. vol. IV.

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formed alſo conſiderable ſervices on the coaſt of France with his brother, under that eminent commander Sir Robert Knowles. 3. Sir William Shelley, lord of Offerdary, Chelſey, and Appleſham, in com. Suſſex. who had two ſons; Richard, the eldeſt, died without iſſue; Robert, the ſecond ſon, 8 Hen. V. married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of John Pettit, by whom he left iſſue two ſons, John, and Thomas; which laſt was of Hunſdon, who, for diſtinction from the Michelgrove family, altered their coat to Argent, a Chevron between three Eſcallops, Sable: But this line terminated in an heir female, Alice, married to Thomas Randall, Eſq;

John, the eldeſt ſon, was a burgeſs in parliament for the town of Rye in Suſſex, 5, 8, and 9 Hen. V. and 1 Hen. VI. (*a*) He married Beatrix, daughter and heir to Sir John Hawkwood, Knt. by whom he had one ſon, John, who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir to John Michelgrove of Michelgrove in Suſſex, Eſq; (by Mary his wife, daughter of William Sydney of Penſhurſt, in Kent, Eſq;) by whom he had three (*b*) ſons; 1. Richard of Patcham, in Suſſex, who, by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Urdeſwick, Knt. was anceſter to the Shelleys of Patcham. 2. Sir William, who continued the line. 3. Edward, who was of Warminghurſt-Park, in Suſſex, and father of Henry Shelley of Warminghurſt, Eſq; (*c*) who married Anne, daughter and heir to Richard Sackvile of Buckhurſt, Eſq; and was anceſtor to thoſe of that place.

Sir William Shelley, married Alice, eldeſt daughter of Sir Henry Belknap, Knt. (and Margaret his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Knowles, Knt.) ſiſter and coheir of Sir Edward Belknap, Knt. (*d*) by whom he became poſſeſſed of a conſiderable eſtate in War-

(*a*) Prynn Præd. (*b*) Some Pedigrees make four ſons, and that the youngeſt was Sir John Shelley, Knt. ſlain at the winning of Rhodes. (*c*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 17. (*d*) This Sir William Shelley, in ſeveral Pedigrees, is ſaid to be one of the juſtices of the Common-Pleas. —— Philpot, in his Villare Cantium, p. 259, ſays, Sir Henry Belknap, had three daughter and coheirs; Alice, married to Sir William Shelley, Anne, matched to Sir Robert Wotton, and Elizabeth, firſt wedded to Sir Philip Cook of Giddy-Hall, in Eſſex, and after to Leonard Dannett, of the county of Worceſter, who divided his patrimony. —— In Sir William Dugdale's Antiquities of Warwickſhire, vol. I. p. 523. Sir Edward Belknap, is ſaid to have four ſiſters and coheirs; Alice, married to Sir William Shelley, Anne, to Sir Robert Wotton, Elizabeth, to John Coke, and Mary, to Gerard Danet, Squire of the body to King Hen. VIII. —— It is thought a barony is now in the deſcendants from the daughters and coheirs of Sir Henry Belknap; he being deſcended lineally from Joan, ſiſter and heir of John, lord Sudley, who marrying William, lord Boteler, by him had two ſons; Thomas and Ralph, ſucceſſively lord Botelers of Sudley; who both dying without iſſue, their ſiſters Joan, and Elizabeth, became their coheirs: Elizabeth, married Sir John Montgomery, Knt. and dying without iſſue, the claim to the Barony of Sudley, was veſted in Joan, the ſole ſurviving ſiſter and heir; which Joan, married Hamon Belknap, lord of Oſton, and had iſſue, Sir Henry Belknap, lord of Oſton, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Richard Knowles, by whom he had the daughters and coheirs beforementioned. Ex Inform. Dom. Joh. Shelley, Bar. —— When a barony in fee is merged in daughters and coheirs, the king may give it to which of them he pleaſes.

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Warwickſhire; and had iſſue by her, five ſons; 1. John. 2. Sir Richard; 3. Sir James, who were both knights of Malta (a). 4. Edward, ſlain at Muſcleburgh-Field, in Scotland. 5. Thomas of Maple-Durham, who, by Mary, daughter of Sir Roger Copley, Knt. was father of Henry Shelley, of Maple-Durham, Eſq; who married Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir John Lutterell, Knt. and was anceſtor to thoſe of that place: Sir William, had alſo three daughters, of which, Elizabeth, was wife of Sir Roger Copley, Knt. and Katherine, married to Henry Browne, Eſq; ſon of Sir Matthew Browne of Beechworth-Caſtle in Surry, Knt.

John Shelley of Michelgrove, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, married Mary, daughter of Sir William Fitz-Williams, Knt. and Maud his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Sackvile of Buckhurſt, Knt. (who ſurviving him, married Sir Robert Guldeford, Knt.) by whom he had two ſons, and ſix daughters: 1. William, who married to his firſt wife, Jane, daughter and heir of —— Lingen of Sutton, in com. Hereford. Eſq; and ſecondly, Mary, daughter of Thomas Wriothesley, earl of Southampton, relict of —— Liſter, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Martin Liſter, Knt. but left no iſſue. He was attainted for treaſon, committed 15 Dec. 25 Eliz. whereby his eſtate was forfeited to the crown during his life, for he did not die till 15 April, 39 Eliz. when, by virtue of an entail, the eſtates both in Suſſex, and Warwickſhire, deſcended to his brother John, of whom hereafter. Of the daughters, 1. Elizabeth, was married to Sir Thomas Gifford, Knt. 2. Eleanor, to Thomas Norton, Eſq; ſon and heir to Sir John Norton of Norwood, in Kent, Knt. 3. Margaret, to Edward Gage, Eſq; 4. Mary, to Sir George Cotton, of Warblington, in com. Southamp. Knt. 5. Bridget, married Sir Anthony Hungerford of Downampney, in com. Wilts, Knt. And 6. Anne, wife to Sir Richard Shirley of Wiſton, in Suſſex, Knt. This John Shelley, Eſq; the father of theſe children, died Dec. 16, 4 Edw. VI. 1550.

John Shelley, Eſq; ſecond ſon, heir to his brother, married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Thomas Lovell of Eaſt-Harling, in Norfolk, Knt. (ſon of Sir Francis Lovell of Barton, Knt. and Anne his wife, daughter of George Aſhby, of ——, in Middleſex, Eſq;) by whom he had two ſons, John, and Henry, who died unmarried; alſo, one daughter, Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Timperleigh of Suffolk, Knt.

John Shelley, of Michelgrove, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon and heir, was advanced to the degree of a baronet at the firſt erection of that dignity, 9 James I. He ſold the eſtate in Warwickſhire

(a) Theſe knights were firſt called, knights-hoſpitallers of St. John of Jeruſalem; afterwards, the knights of Rhodes, and at this time, the knights of Malta. Vertot's Hiſt. of the Knights of Malta, vol. I. p. 1.

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Warwickſhire (*a*), and purchaſed in Suſſex, where he lived in great honour and eſteem. He married Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Rereſby of Thribergh, in Yorkſhire, Knt. by whom he had two ſons; Sir William, who was knighted, and John Shelley, Eſq; who married Mary, daughter and heir of George Bayley, Eſq; and died without iſſue.

Sir William Shelley, Knt. his eldeſt ſon, married Chriſtiana, daughter of Sir James Vantelet, Knt. and died 1635, in his father's life-time, leaving only one ſon,

Sir Charles Shelley, Bart. ſucceſſor to his grandfather, who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Weſton, of Walton upon Thames, in Surry, Eſq; (and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of William Sheldon of Honby, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; and relict of Chriſtopher Villers, earl of Angleſea) the fourth ſon of Richard Weſton, earl of Portland: He had four ſons; Benjamin, and Charles, who died young; Sir John, his ſucceſſor, and William, who died without iſſue; alſo two daughters, Elizabeth and Chriſtiana, who both died unmarried. His ſecond wife was Mary, daughter of Thomas Gifford, of Dunton-Walcot, in Eſſex, Eſq; and relict of George, lord Abergavenny, by whom he had no iſſue; he died about 1681, and was buried at Roan in France, and his lady who ſurvived him, died 1695. He was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſurviving ſon,

Sir John Shelley, Bart. who married to his firſt wife, Bridget, only daughter of George, lord Abergavenny, by whom he had only one daughter, Frances, married to Richard, lord viſcount Fitzwilliams, of Mount-Merion, in the kingdom of Ireland, by whom ſhe had ſeveral children; of which, Mary, the eldeſt daughter, is married to Henry, the preſent earl of Pembroke. Sir John's ſecond wife was Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir John Gage of Firle in Suſſex, Bart. (coheir with the lady viſcounteſs Fauconberg.) He died, April 25, 1703, leaving iſſue, by his ſecond lady, two ſons; Sir John, his ſucceſſor, and Richard, who is one of the commiſſioners of the ſtamp-office, and married Mrs. Fleetwood, by whom he hath iſſue; alſo three daughters, Mary, married to the late Sir John Lawſon of Brough, in Yorkſhire, Bart.

(*a*) Sir William Dugdale, treating of Wolſton in Warwickſhire, ſays, Sir Edward Belknap, by his teſtament, gave Wolſton with the manor of Marſton, to his brother-in-law, William Shelley, Eſq; and Alice his wife, ſiſter of the ſaid Sir Edward, and to the heirs of the ſaid Alice, reſerving firſt an eſtate for life in them to his wife; which William Shelley, by the ſaid Alice, had iſſue John Shelley, his ſon and heir, who died ſeized of them, 16 Dec. 4 Edw. VI. leaving William, his ſon and heir, twelve years old; who being attainted for treaſon committed 15 Dec. 25 Eliz. forfeited all the eſtate he had here, (which was no more than for life, by reaſon of an entail made 16 Jan. 23 Eliz.) ſo that dying without iſſue, 15 April, 39 Eliz. theſe manors, by virtue of the ſaid entail, came to Sir John Shelley, Knt. and Bart. ſon and heir to John Shelley, brother of the ſaid William: Which Sir John, by his deed of bargain and ſale, bearing date 19 Oct. 10 Jac. I. conveyed the ſame to George Warner, Gent. and his heirs. Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 35. Edit. 1730.

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Bart. Elizabeth, to Edward Sheldon, of Weſton, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; and Catherine, to —— Matthews, of Ireland, Eſq;

Sir John Shelley, the preſent baronet, married firſt, Catherine, (*a*) daughter of Sir Thomas Scawen, Knt. alderman of London, by whom he had iſſue, two daughters, Catherine, and Mary, who are unmarried; this lady dying Sep. 1726, he hath ſince married, the honourable Mrs Margaret Pelham (*b*), youngeſt daughter of Thomas, lord Pelham, (by his ſecond wife, the lady Grace Holles, fourth and youngeſt daughter to Gilbert, earl of Clare,) and ſiſter to his grace, Thomas, the preſent duke of Newcaſtle; by whom he hath iſſue, one ſon, and a daughter. Sir John, was elected in the laſt, and preſent parliament, a repreſentative for the borough of Arundell, in Suſſex.

ARMS: Sable, a Feſs ingrail'd, between three Periwincles, (Whelks) Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, Or, and Sable, a Griphon's Head eras'd, Argent, beck'd and ducally gorg'd, Or.

SEATS: At *Beckley*, and *Michelgrove*, in *Suſſex*.

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7. BARRINGTON of Barrington-Hall, Eſſex.

(Sir FRANCIS, KNIGHT.)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

MR. CAMDEN in his Britannia (*c*), ſays, 'Barrington-'Hall (heretofore) the ſeat of that eminent family of the 'Barringtons, who, in the time of King Stephen, were greatly 'enriched with the eſtate of the lords Montfitchet; and in the 'memory of our (*d*) fathers a match with the daughter and co-'heir of Henry Pole, lord Montacute, ſon and heir to Margaret, 'counteſs of Saliſbury, rendered them more illuſtrious, by an 'alliance with the royal blood.'

The firſt we find mentioned in the pedigree, in Chauncy's Hertfordſhire, is, Sir Odynell Barrington, or Barentone, as the name was anciently written, deſcended from Barrington, that ſerv'd Queen Emme, wife of King Etheldred, father of Edward the confeſſor, he was baron of Wegon (*e*), and incurr'd the common fate of his country, becoming ſubject to the Normans; which may be the reaſon that none of the name, either as chief lords,

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Shelley, Bar. (*b*) Peerage of England, by Collins, vol. I. p. 306. (*c*) Vol. I. p. 427. (*d*) So ſaid, an. 1607. (*e*) Chauncy's Hertf. p. 366.

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lords, or ſub-tenants, in Eſſex, are mentioned in Doomſday book; yet Selden, finds, (*a*) Radulfus de Barentona, to be ſworn among others in the hundred of Trepeſlau, in com. Cantab. to take the conqueror's ſurvey; and the town and pariſh of Barrington, near Cambridge, is ſaid to take name from him.

Sir Euſtace de Barenton, (ſon of Sir Odynell) (*b*), had a grant from Hen. I. ſon of William, the conqueror, to hold in peace all his lands in Ramelden, Hatfield-Peverell, Writtle, Ravensfield, Haring, Berking, Slyford, Chigwell, and Splow.

Mr. Le Neve, (late Norroy king at arms,) ſays, the Barringtons, are deſcended from Barentone, a Saxon, who had the cuſtody of the foreſt of Hatfeld-Regis, temp. Wil. I. as may be gathered out of the old writings of the family (*c*), and that Euſtachius de Barentona, (ſon of Barentone the Saxon) was ſervant to King Hen. I. and had granted him by that king, lands, and the cuſtody of the foreſt, and that he died in the time of King Stephen (*d*).

Humphrey, his ſon and heir, had a grant from Albery de Vere, (who came in with the conqueror) by charter, of the manor of Barringtons, in Chigwell, now called Rolls. (*e*) '*Albericus de Vere omnibus Hominibus ſuis Francis & Anglis ſalutem. Sciatis quod ego dedi & reddidi Humfrido filio Euſtachii de Barentonia Terram in Chiwellia, quam pater ſuus tenuit de me in Feodo & Hereditate, ſibi tenendum & heredibus ſuis de me & heredibus meis: Et Præcipio quod eam teneat, in nemore & in plano & in ſemita & in aqua ita bene & honorifice, cum omnibus Conſuetudinibus ſicut pater ſuus unquam melius tenuit, & per idem ſervitium per quod Pater ſuus tenuit; teſtibus, &c.*' to hold lands in Chigwell, which Euſtace de Barenton, held of him in fee and inheritance; and that he the ſaid Humphry, ſhould hold it, as well and honourably, with all incident cuſtoms, as ample, or better than his father ever held, and by the ſame ſervice; witneſſes, Albery de Vere, Robert de Vere, his ſons, Robert Fitz-Williams, &c. He had alſo a grant from King Stephen, and Henry Fitz-Empreſs, of the aforeſaid lands in Ramelden, &c. and all his lands in Bilchanger. Humphry de Barenton, is likewiſe a witneſs to the foundation-charter of Woodham-Priory, in Eſſex, temp. Hen. II. (*f*) and was alſo a benefactor to the abbey of Waltham St. Croſs. *Terram quam dedit Humfridus de Barenton* (*g*) *ipſi eccleſiæ.*

This Humphry de Barenton, ſon of Euſtace, had the foreſt and lands confirmed to him by King Henry II. (*h*)

The ſaid Humphry, in right of Griſilde his wife, ſiſter to Sir Ralph Marcy (*i*), had the manor of Kelvedon, in the county of Eſſex;

(*a*) Selden's Preface to Eadmerus. (*b*) Ex Evid hujus Fam. in Chauncy pred. (*c*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 18. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Barones in Præſenti, fol. 21. (*f*) Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 1294. (*g*) Ibid vol. p. 16. (*h*) Le Neve, ibid. (*i*) Chauncy's Hertford. p. 366.

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Eſſex; and Sir Humphry de Barenton, their ſon and heir, was under age at his father's deceaſe, and in ward to King Hen II. *(a)* he lived in the reigns of Hen. II. Rich. I. and King John *(b)*, and was high ſheriff of Eſſex and Hertfordſhire, 9 Rich. I. *(c)*; (an office in thoſe days of great authority) and by his wife Amicia *(d)*, the only daughter of Sir William *(e)*, third ſon of Sir Jeffery de Mandevile, earl of Eſſex, founder of the abbey of Walden, he had a ſon, Nicholas, who was knighted, and held the offices of woodward, and chief foreſter of Hatfield foreſt, and ſummoned before him the regarderers, verderers, and agiſtors in the foreſt of Eſſex. Which Sir Nicholas de Barenton, cuſtos of the foreſt, by deed, ſtiled *Dnus Nic. de Barenton (f)*, lived in the reigns of King John, and Henry III. He took to wife, 1. Mary, daughter of John Bovile; and alſo, 2. Maud, daughter of Sir Ralph Mortoft, Knt. He had no iſſue by the firſt; but by the latter, a daughter, Margaret, married to Sir James Umfreville, and ſeveral ſons; whereof Nicholas, the eldeſt, ſucceeded to the inheritance, was knighted, and living temp. Hen. III. and Ed. I. and by Agnes his wife, daughter and heir to Sir William Chetwynde, was father of another Sir Nicholas, John, and Philip; and four daughters, of which, Margaret, married Sir Martin Suchemer, Knt. *(g)*

Sir Nicholas, living temp. Ed. II. and Ed. III. ſon and heir of the laſt Sir Nicholas, married Alice, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Belhouſe, Knt. with whom he had 10l. rent in Weſthall, of the gift of her father, on a ſettlement by his father, of the manors of Triplow, Hatfield, Writtle, Chigwell, Ramelden, Bullinghatch, and Springfield. From the ſaid Alice, proceeded four ſons, Nicholas, Thomas, Roger, and Sir Philip, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Tey, of Eſſex, Knt. and was father of Nicholas Barrington, of Raleigh-Park, in Eſſex, Eſq; whoſe grandſon and heir-male lies buried with his wife, under a marble tomb, in Raleigh church, with this inſcription on braſs:

> Orate pro Animabus Johannis Barington, Armig. & Thomazina Uxoris ejus——Expectantium Miſericordia Dei, qui quidem Johannis; obiit 8° die Menſis Novembris, Anno Dom. 1416. & prædicta Thomazina obiit 15 die Menſis Septembris. Anno Dom. 1420, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus. Amen.

(a) Le Neve, ibid. *(b)* Chauncy, in his Hertfordſhire, p. 366. ſays, 'There was 'about this time) Sir Warren of Barrington; I know not whoſe ſon he was, but I am 'certain, he is buried at Therhale-Priory, in the foreſt of Hatfield.' *(c)* Rot. Pipe ejus Ann. *(d)* Hum. de Barenton 2 feod. in Leringes, cum amicia uxore ſua, de honore de Valoniis, Lib. Rub. in Scac. Inquiſ. fact. temp. RS. Johs. 12 & 13. MSS. P. Le Neve, vol. I. p. 18. *(e)* Chauncy Præd. *(f)* Nicolas de Barenton, Miles, vide cartam ejus fine dat. per quam dedit terras in Chiggewell, Canonicis Waltham, vide Regiſter, f. 8. Penes. P. Le Neve.—Dom. Nic. de Barenton, Miles, teſtis Cartæ, ſans dat. Johis de Lanfare clci fact. Canonicis Waltham, cum Willo filio Regind. qui fuit Vicecomes de Eſſex & Hert. 31, 32, 33, 34 Hen. III. Regiſter, f. 7. ibid. *(g)* Chauncy, p. 366.

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Siſter and heir to John, was Thomazine, living temp. Hen. VI. who firſt married William Lunsford, Eſq; (from Lunsford, of Lunsford, in Suſſex) ſecondly, William Sydney of Penſhurſt, in Kent, Eſq; (from whom the earls of Leiceſter deſcended,) and thirdly, ſhe married John Hopton, Eſq; *(a)*

Nicholas Barenton, eldeſt ſon of the laſt Sir Nicholas, and brother to Sir Philip, was living temp. Ed. II. and III. having to his wife Emme, daughter and coheir to Sir Robert Baard, Knt. with whom he had the manor of Little, and ſeveral other eſtates *(b)*; and ſhe bare him four ſons; Sir John, Humphry, Thomas, and Philip; and a daughter, Lettice, who lived unmarried, and had 10l. in Weſton, for term of her life. The ſaid Nicholas, was ſucceeded by John, his eldeſt ſon:

Which John, was knighted, and had the king's letters patents, 49 Ed. III. which confirmed to him in fee all his lands at Hatfield. *Solut. pro Cuſtodiâ Foreſtæ Terræ quæ fuit Adæ*—at the rent of 17 s. and the land of Writele, *nec non è miniſterio Patris ſui de Foreſta Regis tenend.* The ſaid *Miniſterium*, or office of William de Monthchet, in com. Eſſex. and that all foreſters, and officers of the ſaid foreſt, ſhould be obſervant to the ſaid John [Barenton,] to hold of the king, *in capite*, referring to the charters of King Hen. II. Steph. and Hen. III. *(c)*

This Sir John de Barenton, had in marriage, Margaret, daughter and heir to Sir John Blomvile, Knt. whereof proceeded two ſons, John, and Edward; the latter was poſſeſſed of the manor of Gravely, in com. Hertf. *(d)* and held a court there, on Monday next after the feaſt of Eaſter, 12 Hen. IV. A. D. 1411.

John Barenton, the eldeſt ſon, was alſo ſtiled Barrington *(e)*, and the firſt that was juſtly ſo called; he was living, temp. Hen. IV. and V. and by his wife Alice, one of the daughters and heirs of Thomas Battle, younger ſon of Sir John Battle, of Onger-Park, in Eſſex, Knt. by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Ennefield, Knt. had iſſue Thomas, Humphry, and Elizabeth, married to John Sulyard.

Thomas, the eldeſt ſon, was the inheritor of his father's lands, in Hatfield, Writtle, &c. *(f)* and after the death of his uncle, Edward Barrington, was ſeized of the manors of Chevesfield *(g)*, Graveley, Lecheford, and lands in Weſton; at the firſt of which places he held a court, 16 Hen. VI. 1438; was high ſheriff of Eſſex

(*a*) Chauncy's Hert. p. 367. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Forteſtaria de Hatfield & Writtle confirmat. Joh. de Barentona Pat. 49. Edw. III. p. 1. M. 25. Le Neve. (*d*) Le Neve, ibid. (*e*) Chauncy, pred. p. 366. (*f*) Foreſtaria de Hatfield & Writtle, in co. Eſſex, conceſſa Humfrido filio Euſtachii de Barentona tempore Regum Henrici Primi, & Stephani, & confirmata Thomæ de Barrington conſanguineo & heredi præfati Euſtachii. Pat. 16. Hen. VI. p. 2. M. 26. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 18. (*g*) Ex Chauncy, pred.

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Eſſex and Hertford, 30 Hen. VI. He married Anne, the ſecond daughter, and one of the heirs of Sir John Holbeach, Knt. and of his wife, the daughter and coheir of Sir John Rochford, of Lincolnſhire, Knt. He had to his firſt wife, Margaret, who, together with him, held the manor of Little Chigwell, called Barrington's manor (*a*), of Anne, dutcheſs of Buckingham, as of her hundred of Aungre, by the ſervice of ſuit, at the court of the ſheriffs turn for the ſaid manor, and 6d. rent annually. He lies buried, with his wife Anne, in the church (*b*) of Hatfield Broad-Oak, with this inſcription (*c*):

Hic jacent Thomas Barington, Armiger, & Anna Uxor ejus, qui quidem Thomas obiit 5° Aprilis MCCCCLXXII. & Anna obiit proximo die ſequenti; quorum animabus propitietur altiſſimus.

She dying the day after him, this diſtich was made on them (*d*),

He firſt deceas'd; ſhe for a few hours try'd
To live without him, lik'd it not, and dy'd.

Humphry Barrington, ſon and heir to the ſaid Thomas (*e*), married Margaret, daughter of — Bretton, of Eſſex, and had iſſue Nicholas, who took to wife, Anne, daughter of Thomas Darcy, of Tolſhunt-Darcy, in com. Eſſex. (as ſaid by ſome) and left two ſons, Richard, and Sir Nicholas; which Richard, was aged twenty years at his father's death, 27 Sept. 21 Hen. VII. (*f*) but died without iſſue. The ſaid Nicholas, had a wife, named Elizabeth, that ſurvived him, (but whether ſhe, and not Anne, was the daughter of Thomas Darcy, I can't affirm.) The manors of Chivesfield, and Gravely, were ſettled on her before 8 Hen. VII. (*g*) in which year, truſtees held a court for the ſaid manors, in the names of the ſaid Nicholas, and Elizabeth; and ſhe, ſurviving him, married ——Parker, and their truſtees held a court in their names, 22 Hen. VII. and on her death, both thoſe manors deſcended to Sir Nicholas Barrington, Knt.

Which Sir Nicholas, ſon to Nicholas aforeſaid, died about the year 1521; for in October, that year, his will was proved, which bore date 22 July, A. D. 1515, wherein he diſpoſed of all his lands and manors in truſt for his heir apparent, John, (then about eight years old) when he came to the age of twenty-one years; Elizabeth his wife ſurvived him, who was daughter (*h*) of Sir John Brocket, of Brocket-Hall, in com. Hertf. and afterwards married William Boughton, of Lawford, in com. Warw. Eſq; (*i*)

(*a*) Inq. 19 H. VI. N°. 22. (*b*) Le Neve ſays, the burial-place of this family is St. Katherine's chapel, in Hatfield-church, in Eſſex, where all lie buried. (*c*) Weever's Fun. Monum. p. 631. (*d*) Fuller in Eſſex, p. 240. (*e*) In the Pedigree in Chauncy, p. 367. Humphry, is mentioned as ſon and heir to Thomas; but p. 366. Nicholas, is ſaid to ſucceed Thomas, and no mention made of Humphry. (*f*) Eſcaet Eſſex, 24 H. VII. *m.* 74. (*g*) Ex Chauncy. (*h*) Ib. 367. (*i*) Dugd. Warw. vol. I. p. 100.

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The ſaid John Barrington, ſucceeding to the inheritance, was in ward to Thomas Bonham; and living 25 Hen. VIII. he married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Bonham, ſiſter and heir of Sir Walter Bonham, by Catherine his wife, ſiſter and heir to the lord Marney, knight of the garter: He had by her a ſon, Thomas, whom he left under age; for during his minority, his mother being guardian, held a court at Graveley cum Chevesfield, A. D. 1546, 38 Hen. VIII. in her own name; which he afterwards did himſelf, and ſold them to George Clerk (*a*). He was high ſheriff of the counties of Hertford and Eſſex, 4 Eliz. and for his ſervices to the crown, had a grant of the manor of Buſhey, in com. Hertf. by letters patents dated at Weſtminſter, Nov. 22. 8 Eliz. by the ſame ſervice as it was holden before the attainder of the counteſs of Saliſbury. He had two wives; 1. Alice, daughter of Henry Parker, lord Morley (*b*), by whom he had only one daughter, Elizabeth; and 2. Winifrid, youngeſt daughter and coheir of Henry Pole, lord Montagu, and relict of Sir Thomas Haſtings, Knt. Catherine, the eldeſt daughter and coheir of the ſaid Henry, lord Montagu, was married to Francis, earl of Huntingdon, eldeſt brother to Sir Thomas Haſtings; which Henry, was ſon to Sir Richard Pole, knight of the garter, by Margaret Plantagenet his wife, counteſs of Saliſbury, ſiſter and ſole heir to Edward, earl of Warwick, and daughter to George, duke of Clarence, younger brother to King Ed. IV. (*c*) And of this illuſtrious marriage deſcended two ſons; Sir Francis Barrington, who was created baronet, and Henry, a gentleman-penſioner, who died without iſſue. As alſo a daughter, Catherine, wife of William, ſon and heir to Sir Ralph Bourchier, of Beningborough, in com. Ebor. Knt.

In Dominam Winifridam Barrington
A Regibus Editam (*d*).

Faire Johanne, that honourable vertious Pearle,
Childe of John Gaunt, of famous Memory,
The ſaconde Wife of Ralph, Weſtmorland Earle,
Had Iſſue, Rechard, Earle of Saliſbury,
Whoſe famous Heire, call'd by his father's Name,
Was Earle of Saliſbury and Warwick eke,
He left Coheirs twaine of worthey Fame
Call'd Iſabell and Anne, both faire and meeke.
Thoſe Siſters twaine two Brothers eke did wed,
King Rechard named the 3d, made Anne his Bride,
George, Duke of Clarence, the eldiſt married,
Their Heir Edward, Earle of Warwick dyed;

And

(*a*) Chauncy's Hert. p. 367. (*b*) Glover's Pedigrees of the Nobility, p. 107. (*c*) See an Act, 1 Mariæ, for reſtitution in blood of the heirs of Henry Pole, late lord Montagu. (*d*) From an old MS. in the Poſſeſſion of Sir John Barrington, Bar.

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And left no Child, therefore his Siſter faire,
Countiſs of Saliſbury, that Marg'rate Hight,
Was of that Houſe left the ſole only Heire,
Her eldeſt ſon an Heire eke by right
Was Henry Pole, Lord Montague create,
Whoſe two Coheires, Catherine and Winifride,
Unto two Brothers joyn'd in Marriage State.
The eldeſt Siſter was the lovely Bride
Of Francis Haſtings, Earle of Huntington,
Whoſe Iſſue doth enjoy that Earldom ſtill;
Faire Winifred her wedded Life begun,
With Thomaſs Haſtings, Knight, whom Death did kill;
Who dead, ſhe marryed Thomaſs Barrington,
A worthey Knight, whom ſhe likewiſe ſurvived,
And now alaſs, her Glaſs is run,
When as full fourſcore Yeares complete ſhe'd lived.
One only Son and Heire ſhe left behind,
Call'd Francis Barrington, a worthey Wight,
Her royal Blood, and Vertues of her Mind,
If more may be, do ſhine in him more bright,
Then tho' you mourn her Death who here doth lye,
Joye for the Life of her Poſteritye.

Honoris Ergo.

Francis, ſon and heir, ſucceeded to a great eſtate: He ſerv'd as knight of the ſhire for Eſſex, in the Parliament held at Weſtminſter, 43 Eliz. and on the acceſſion of King James I. to the Engliſh crown, was knighted at Theobalds, 7 May, A. D. 1603; and by the ſaid prince farther advanced to the degree of a baronet, at the firſt inſtitution of that dignity, A. D. 1611. He married Joan, daughter to Sir Henry Cromwell, alias, Williams, of Hinchingbrook, in com. Huntington, Knt. ſiſter of Sir Oliver Cromwell, Knt. and had iſſue four ſons, and five daughters: 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Robert, of Hatfield-Broadoak, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Eden, of Sudbury, in Suffolk, Knt. the widow of —— Barret, Eſq; brother of Sir Edward; by whom he left poſterity, which ended in a daughter, Joane, married to Mr. Gyles, of the ſix-clerks office in chancery. 3. Francis Barrington, of London, who, by a daughter of Mr. Richard Doucet, had a ſon, Francis. And 4. John, a captain, who died in Germany. The daughters were, Elizabeth, married firſt to Sir James Altham, of Marks-hall, in Eſſex, Knt. and afterwards, to Sir William Maſham, of High-Laver, in Eſſex, Bart. 2. Mary, to Sir Gilbert Gerard, of Flamberds, on Harrow the Hill, Bart. 3. Winifrid, wife of Sir William Meux, of Kingſton, in the Iſle of Wight, Knt. 4. Ruth, wife of Sir George Lamplugh, of Cumberland, Knt. And 5. Joan, married to Sir Richard Everard, of Much-Waltham, in Eſſex, Bart. Sir Fran-

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cis, died 3 July, 4 Char. I. and was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon, Sir Thomas, who received the honour of knighthood in his father's life-time.

Which Sir Thomas Barrington, Knt. and Bart. married firſt, Frances, daughter and coheir to John Gobert, of Coventry, Eſq; by whom he had a daughter, Lucy, firſt married to William Cheyney, of Cheſham-Boys, in Bucks, Eſq; and ſecondly, to Sir Toby Tyrrel, of Thornton, in com. Bucks, Bart. and two ſons; Sir John, who ſucceeded him, and Sir Gobert Barrington, of Tofts, in Little Badow, in Eſſex, Knt. who married firſt, Lucy, daughter of Sir Richard Wiſeman, of Torrel's-Hall, in com. Eſſex. Knt. by whom he had ſix ſons; Thomas, Francis, Richard, Robert, John, and Theophilus; the four laſt died young. Thomas, the eldeſt ſon, called Coll. Barrington, died without iſſue, whereupon the eſtate went to his brother, Francis Barrington, of Tofts, Eſq; He married the daughter of Mr. Samuel Shute, of London, who was ſheriff of the ſaid city, 1681, by whom he had no iſſue, and left his eſtate to his wife's brother, John Shute, Eſq; who, by act of parliament, changed his name to Barrington, and was created lord Barrington, of Newcaſtle, in the county of Dublin, and viſcount Barrington, of Ardglaſs, in the county of Down, in Ireland, 7 Geo. I. and died Dec. 1734; being father of the preſent lord viſcount Barrington. Sir Gobert, married to his ſecond lady, Elizabeth (*a*), relict of Hugh Lawton, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue. He died about 1695, and was buried at Hatfield; and ſhe departed this life, 170$\frac{2}{3}$, aged 84, and lies buried at St. Saviour's, Southwark (*b*).

Sir Thomas, had to his ſecond lady, Judith, daughter to Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. and widow of Sir George Smith, of Annables, in the ſame county, Knt. which Judith, died without iſſue, A. D. 1657, aged ſixty-five years; and Sir Thomas, A. D. 1644, and was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir John Barrington, Knt. and Bart. who married Dorothy, daughter to Sir William Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. (ſhe ſurvived him, and died Oct. 27, 1703,) by whom he had five ſons; 1. Thomas. 2. Francis, who died unmarried. 3. John, who married Elizabeth, daughter to Edward Hawkins, of Biſhop-Stratford, Gent. and had iſſue, Sir John, his ſon and heir, father of the preſent baronet. 4. Francis, (who died unmarried;) and 5. William, who married Sarah, daughter and heir of Richard Young, of London, merchant, but died without iſſue; ſhe ſurviving him, afterwards married —Wynne, Eſq; Alſo nine daughters; of which Winifrid, was wife to Richard Wiſeman, Eſq; ſon to Sir Richard Wiſeman,

(*a*) Stow's Survey of London, vol. II. B. 4. p. 14. (*b*) Ibid.

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Wiſeman, of Torell's-Hall, in Eſſex, Knt. and Lucy, wife to John Walter, of Chepſtow, in com. Monmouth, Eſq;

Thomas Barrington, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir John, married the lady Anne, daughter and coheir to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick; and had by her three ſons; Sir John, Sir Charles, and Rich, who died unmarried; and two daughters; Mary, who died unmarried, Oct. 1727, and Anne, Wife to Mr. Charles Shales, goldſmith to her late majeſty Queen Anne, and King George I. and II. ſhe died Nov. 17, 1729, (and he, Oct. 5, 1734,) leaving two ſons, viz. Rich, who died S. P. and John (Shales) Barrington, of Hatfield-Broadoak, Eſq; who is as yet unmarried. The ſaid Thomas, dying in his father's life-time, Jan. 1681, (his relict afterwards married Sir Richard Francklyn, of Ryſlip, in Middleſex, Bart.) whereupon, the dignity and eſtate deſcended to his eldeſt ſon, John, as heir to his grandfather;

Which Sir John, dying unmarried, of the ſmall-pox, 1691, was ſucceeded by his brother,

Sir Charles Barrington, Bart. who was ſeveral times elected in parliament, againſt powerful oppoſers, one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Eſſex, and was made by Queen Anne, vice-admiral of the ſaid county. He was a faſt friend to the church and monarchy, and a courteous, affable gentleman; as much eſteemed as any of the county he liv'd in, and died generally lamented by all his friends, January 29, 1714-15, at a time when they ardently wiſhed his health, in order to his election as knight of the ſhire for Eſſex, (and was buried with his anceſtors, in St. Catherine's chapel, at Hatfield.) He married firſt, Bridget, ſole daughter to Sir John Munſon, of Broxburn, in Hertfordſhire, Bart. (by Judith, his wife, daughter to Sir Thomas Pelham, Bart. great-grandfather to Thomas, duke of Newcaſtle,) and after her deceaſe, Anna-Maria, daughter to William, earl Fitz-Williams, of the kingdom of Ireland, (who was ſeated at Milton, near Peterbro'; ſhe was only ſiſter to John, the late earl; and dying July, 1717, was buried at Marham, near Peterbro',) but by neither of them had any iſſue. The greateſt part of his eſtate he left by will to his ſiſter Shales, and after her deceaſe, to his nephew, Rich (Shales) Barrington, Eſq; (her eldeſt ſon,) who dying unmarried, it came to his youngeſt brother, John (Shales) Barrington, Eſq; of Hatfelld-Broadoke, in Eſſex, who is unmarried; but the title deſcended to Sir John, ſon and heir of John Barrington, Eſq; third ſon of Sir John Barrington, Bart. grandfather to the late Sir Charles.

Which Sir John Barrington, Bart. was poſſeſſed of an eſtate at Dunmow, and in the Iſle of Wight; and having married Suſan, daughter to George Draper, of Hitchin, in Hertfordſhire, Gent. left iſſue three ſons; Sir John, Charles, and Fitzwilliams, married June, 1741, to the ſole daughter and heir of captain Thomas Mead; and two daughters; Suſan, married to Barrington Flacke,

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of Linton, in Cambridgeſhire, Eſq; and Sarah, who is unmarried.

Sir John, dying Auguſt, 1717, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir John Barrington, the preſent baronet, who was a member in the laſt parliament but one, for Newton, in the Iſle of Wight, for which place he was elected to the preſent parliament; he married Mary (*a*), daughter of Patricius Roberts, Eſq; (by Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter of John Weſton, of Ockham, in the county of Surry, Eſq;) by whom he hath as yet no iſſue.

ARMS: Argent, three Chevronells, Gules, a Label of as many Points, Azure.

CREST: On a Wreath, the Buſt of a Man proper, crin'd Sable, Band Silver, veſted Paly, Or and Azure.

MOTTO: *Ung durant ma Vie.*

SEAT: At *Swanſcombe*, in the *Iſle of Wight*.

8. MUSGRAVE, of Hartley-Caſtle, Weſtmoreland,

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT of the Bath,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS family is of great antiquity and reputation, and came into England, with William, the conqueror (*b*), as appears from undoubted authorities: their name implies ſome office or command, which they might have upon the marches or moſſes towards Scotland. Camden, in his Britannia (*c*), ſpeaking of the two villages called Muſgrave, in Weſtmoreland, ſays, 'which 'gave name to the warlike family of the Muſgraves.' But the author of the additions to Camden, makes this obſervation upon that paſſage (*d*); 'Unleſs one may ſay, with greater probability, 'that the towns had their name from the family, for the name of 'Muſgrave, is to be reckoned among thoſe, which have been 'taken from offices, and civil or military honours; and is of the 'like original as Landtgraff, Markgraff, Burggraff, &c. among 'the Germans. And indeed, this name, and Markgraff, (now 'turn'd into Marquis,) are probably the ſame. The ſignification of both, is, *Dux Limitaneus*; and anciently Muſgrave, or 'Moſgrave, was all one as in our later language, a lord warden 'of the marches.' Brompton (*e*), makes Muſgrave, to be the ſame as Muſard, ſo as to be interpreted, a grave, muſing, thoughtful, politick perſon.

The firſt of that name that we find mentioned is, Sir Adam de Muſgrave,

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Joh. Barrington, Bar. (*b*) Battel-Abbey Roll; Stow's Chronicle, p. 106. Brompton's Chronicle, 158, 168. (*c*) Vol. II. p. 988. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) P. 963.

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Muſgrave, Knt. temp. Joh. about the year 1204. He was in great favour with Robert de Vipont, unto whom, the king gave the barony of Appleby, and the perpetual ſheriffdom, and held Muſgrave (*a*) of him, in Cornage (*b*), as part of the barony.

Thomas, his ſon, who lived before 25 Hen. III. (*c*) left iſſue, Thomas, who was one of the executors of Robert de Vipont, that powerful baron, and was ſheriff of Weſtmoreland, 44 Hen. III. he gave ſome lands in Overton or Orton (*d*), to the Hoſpital of Conyngſherd now Coniſherd, in the county of Lancaſter, and died 49 Hen. III. leaving Thomas, his ſon and heir, who was living 6 Edw. I. and 4 Edw. II. (*e*) He obtained a charter for a fair and market at Overton (*f*), and was, 4 Edw. II. in the Scotch wars.

Thomas de Muſgravé, his ſon and heir, was returned to ſerve in parliament, for the county of Weſtmoreland, 14, 15, 17, and 18 Edw. III. (*g*) and 20 Edw. III. upon the invaſion in the North, made by David Bruce, king of Scotland, he joined with the barons in thoſe parts, was one of the commanders in the van of that army (*h*), which gave him battle near Durham, utterly routing his forces, and taking the king priſoner. The ſame year he was aſſociated with the biſhop of Carliſle, and others, in guarding the Marches; and anno 21 Edw. III. was made governor of Berwick, and ſole juſticier throughout all the king's lands in Scotland, and afterwards accompanied Ralph, lord Nevil, in the Scotch wars, anno 30 Edw. III. he received command to reſide upon his lands, in the marches towards Scotland, for the defence of the country againſt any incurſion. 32 Edw. III. he obtained a charter for free warren in all his demeſne lands at Muſgrave and Souleby, in com. Weſtmor. with power to impark his woods, called Hevenings, in Muſgrave, containing two hundred acres. Anno 33 Ed. III. he was made governor of York-caſtle, and ſheriff of Yorkſhire (*i*), 34, 37, 38, 39 Ed. III. 42 Ed. III. he was conſtituted eſchaetor for the counties of York, Northumberland, Cumberland, and Weſtmoreland; and for his good ſervice, had a grant of one hundred marks per annum out of the exchequer. 46 Ed. III. he was aſſociated with the biſhop of Carliſle, and others, in the office of warden of the weſt marches. At length, after many ſignal ſervices, and continual truſts, he had the hard fate to be taken priſoner by the Scots, anno 2 Ric. II. with Thomas his ſon; but procuring John, lord Nevil, of Raby, and others, to be ſureties for ten thouſand marks, they were ſet at liberty. This

(*a*) Ex Collect. H. Todd, D. D. (*b*) A kind of Grand Serjeanty; the ſervice of which tenure is to blow a horn, when any invaſion of the Northern enemy is perceived; and by this, many hold their land northward, about the Picts wall. Cowel's Interp. and Camden's Britt. p. 1049. (*c*) Ex Infor. Dom. Phil. Muſgrave, Bar. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Ibid. (*g*) Prynn's Parl. Regiſt. vol. IV. de eiſd. an. (*h*) Dugdale's Bar. vol. II. p. 153. (*i*) Fuller's Worthies in Yorkſhire.

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This Thomas, purchaſed Harcla-caſtle from Ranulph, baron of Raby (*a*): It had before been part of the eſtate of Andrew de Harcla, earl of Carliſle, upon whoſe attainder, it was granted to Sir Hugh de Lowther for his life, the reverſion to Ranulph, baron de Raby, and his heirs, under the yearly rent of one hundred ſhillings. King Edward III. in the twentieth year of his reign, confirmed the manor to Sir Thomas de Muſgrave, and his heirs, and remitted the rent; and in the twenty-ſeventh of his reign, granted him his eſpecial licence to rebuild and fortify the caſtle, which had been burnt by the Scots. He was alſo, for his ſignal knowledge in national affairs, ſummoned by writ, amongſt the barons of this kingdom, from 24 to 47 Edw. III. incluſive (*b*). He married three wives; 1. Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Roos, of Yotton (*c*). 2. Mary, daughter of John Vaux, relict of Thomas Holland, earl of Huntington. 3. Iſabel, widow to Robert, ſon of Robert, lord Clifford, and daughter to Thomas, lord Berkley, by whom he had a daughter, married to Henry Wharton; and two ſons; Thomas, taken priſoner with his father, and William.—He died, 1384.

Thomas, his ſon and heir, was a knight, and returned to ſerve in parliament, as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of York (*d*), 37 and 43 Edw. III. was ſheriff of Cumberland, 16 Rich. II. and knight of the ſhire for Weſtmoreland, 1 Hen. IV. he died 10 Hen. IV. A. D. 1409 (*e*). When Hartley-caſtle, with Muſgrave, the ancient inheritance, devolved on Sir Richard Muſgrave, Knt. his ſon, who left iſſue, Thomas Muſgrave, Eſq; who married (*f*) —— daughter of the lord Dacre, and died 3d of January, 1447, 25 Hen. VI. leaving iſſue Sir Richard, who was married to Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Betham, Knt. (*g*) he died the 9th of Nov. 1464, leaving iſſue, Sir Thomas Muſgrave, Knt. who married Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir William de Stapleton, of Edenhall, in com. Cumb. Knt. by whom he had the manor of Edenhall. He was dead 9 Edw. IV. (his brothers were, John, who died unmarried, and Henry, who married Mary, the other daughter and coheir of Sir William de Stapleton, of Edenhall, Knt. His ſiſters were, Margaret, wife to Thomas Elderton; Mary, of Tomalin Warcop; Agnes, of Robert Warcop; Eleanor, wife of Rowland Thornborough; Elizabeth, of Thomas A Gart; and Iſabel, of Thomas Middleton.) This Sir Thomas, left iſſue, two daughters; Margaret, married to John Sandford, and Iſabel, to John Crakenthorp, of Newbrig, Eſqrs.

(*a*) Ex Inform. Dom. Ph. Muſgrave, Bar. (*b*) Of this family, Thomas Muſgrave, in the time of Edw. III. was ſummoned to parliament among the barons; Camden's Britannia, vol. II. p. 989. (*c*) So in the pedigree of Sir Philip Muſgrave, Bart. tho' ſome other pedigrees make this lady to have married his grandfather. (*d*) Prynn. ut ſup. de iiſd. ann. (*e*) Ex vet. miſſale. (*f*) Ex Inform. Dom. Phil. Muſgrave, Bar. (*g*) Ibid.

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Eſqrs. alſo four ſons; Sir Richard, Sir John, Nicholas, and William; from whom four branches of the Muſgraves were deſcended (*a*), viz. thoſe of Edenhall; of Muſgrave-hall or Fairbank; of Hayton, and of Crookdake.

Sir John Muſgrave, ſecond ſon, was knighted at the battle of Newark upon Trent, by King Henry VII. (*b*) and was ſheriff of Cumberland, 7 Henry VII. He ſeated himſelf at Fairbank, com. Cumb. and married twice; 1. Joane, daughter of John Crackenthorp, and 2. Margaret, ſiſter to the lord Dudley (*c*); and had poſterity by both wives.

The third ſon, Nicholas Muſgrave, was of Hayton-caſtle (*d*), who married Margaret, daughter and coheir of William Filiol.

And, William Muſgrave, the fourth ſon, was of Crookdake, in com. Cumb. he married firſt, Felix, daughter and coheir of William Filiol, and ſecondly, Margaret, daughter of Thornton, and relict of Middleton, and was progenitor to the Muſgraves of that place.

Sir Richard Muſgrave, eldeſt ſon and heir to Sir Thomas, took to wife Joane, daughter to Thomas, lord Clifford, and had iſſue, three daughters; Margaret, wife to John Heron, of Chipchaſe, Mary, to John Martindale, Eſqrs. and Jane, who died unmarried. He had alſo as many ſons; Edward, Thomas, and John.

Edward, the eldeſt ſon, in the life-time of his father, was written of Caterlane, in com. Cumb. and with John Crakenthorp, 5 Hen. VIII. was ſheriff of Cumberland. 11 Hen. VIII. he was again in that poſt alone; as likewiſe 19 Hen. VIII. being then, or before knighted, he married to his firſt wife, Alice, daughter of Thomas Radcliff, Eſq; his ſecond wife was Joan, daughter and coheir of Sir Chriſtopher Ward, of Gryndall, in Yorkſhire, Knt. ſtandard-bearer to King Henry VIII. at the ſiege of Bulloign (*e*). He had iſſue by the laſt wife, Elizabeth, married to John Latimer, Eſq; Joan, and Magdalen; and three ſons; 1. Sir William, ſheriff of Cumberland, 24 and 33 Henry VIII. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Curwen, of Workington, in Cumberland, Knt. (and Agnes his wife, daughter of Sir Walter Strickland, of Siſay, Knt.) and was father of Sir Richard Muſgrave, Knt. which Sir Richard, enter'd his lands of full age at Martinmaſs, 37 Henry VIII. A. D. 1545, and was high ſheriff of Cumberland, anno 1 and 2 of Phil. and Mary, and dying 10 Sept. 1555, 2 Phil. and Mary, was buried at Edenhall, having had iſſue by Agnes his wife, daughter to Thomas, lord Wharton, a ſon, Thomas, who died on Sunday, 3 March,

(*a*) Ibid. (*b*) Nom. Milit. temp. Hen. VII. Cot. Biblio. Claud. C. (*c*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 22. (*d*) The Muſgraves of Hayton-caſtle deny they are deſcended from this Nicholas; and ſay, that the Muſgraves of Hayton-caſtle, and Edenhall, are two diſtinct families. Vide Muſgrave of Hayton's Account, poſtea. (*e*) Fuller's Worthies in com. Ebor.

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3 March, 7 Eliz. 1565, ætat. 13 (*a*); and only one daughter, Eleanor, married to Sir Robert Bowes, of Aſke, in com. Ebor. Knt. whereupon the chief heir male remaining was Simon, ſecond ſon of Sir Edward, laſt mentioned.

Which Simon, was ſheriff of Cumberland, 11 Eliz. and the next year, for his courage and fidelity to the crown of England, had the honour of knighthood conferred on him at Carliſle, by the earl of Suffolk. He married Julian, daughter to William Ellerker, of Ellerker, in co. Ebor. Eſq; (and Agnes his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Aſk, of Aughton, in com. Ebor. Knt.) and was father to 1. Chriſtopher, 2. Thomas, who married Urſula, daughter and coheir of —— Carnaby, Eſq; and was anceſtor to the Muſgraves of Bewcaſtle; 3. Sir Richard, of Norton-Conyers, in Yorkſhire, who married Jane, daughter of John Dalſton, of Cumberland, Eſq; and 4. John, married to Iſabel, daughter of Thomas Muſgrave, of Hayton-Caſtle, in Cumberland, Eſq; and was anceſtor to thoſe of Caterlane.

Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Eſq; ſucceeded his father, and married Joan, daughter to Sir Henry Curwen, of Workington, in com. Cumb. Knt. (and Mary his wife, daughter of Sir Nicholas Fairfax, of Gilling, Knt. and Joan his wife, daughter of Sir Guy Palmes, Knt. ſerjeant at law.) He died in the life-time of his father, and left iſſue, only one ſon,

Sir Richard Muſgrave, who was ſucceſſor to his grandfather; he was made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King Ja. I. and afterwards was advanced to the degree of a baronet, in the ninth year of that king's reign. He enlarged and beautified his caſtle of Hartley, and being deſirous to ſee foreign countries, travelled abroad, and dying at Naples, 6 Nov. 13 James I. lies buried in the cathedral church there; leaving iſſue, by Frances his wife, daughter to Philip, lord Wharton,

Sir Philip Muſgrave, Bart. his ſon and heir, aged then ſeven years. He was committed to the tuition of his uncle Philip, lord Wharton; and when adult, eſpouſed in marriage, Julian, youngeſt daughter to Sir Richard Hutton, of Goldſbro, in com. Ebor. Knt. one of the judges of the common-pleas. He was returned one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Weſtmoreland, in the parliament which met, April 3, 1640, and again for the ſame place, in that which met, the November following. In April 1642 (*b*), diſliking the violent proceedings of that parliament, he withdrew from the houſe of commons, and returned to it no more till after the reſtoration. Anno 1644, he was made commander in chief of the two counties of Cumberland and Weſtmoreland, by a commiſſion from the marquiſs of Newcaſtle. He aſſerted the royal cauſe with all courage and dutiful allegiance; and

(*a*) Ex vet. Miſſ. prædict. (*b*) Ex Inform. D.m. Ph. Muſgrave, Bar.

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and was made governor of the city and citadel of Carliſle. When the king was at York, he waited on his majeſty there, and afterwards at Oxford. To the marqueſs of Newcaſtle, at York, he ſent, firſt, ſix hundred ſoldiers, then eighteen hundred, and afterwards, to prince Rupert, a thouſand more, whom he raiſed and lifted in the counties of Cumberland and Weſtmoreland. After the battle at Marſton-Moor, he, with Sir Thomas Glenham, retired to Carliſle; upon the ſurrender of which garriſon, (the laſt that yielded to the rebels) he attended the king at Cardiff, in Wales. At the deſire of ſome loyal gentlemen, a new regiment of foot being raiſed in Cumberland, he was appointed colonel of it by the king; but in September following, A. D. 1645, they were all defeated at Rowton-Moor, near Cheſter (*a*), by Pointz, a rebel-officer, and either killed or taken priſoners; Sir Philip, was among them, and was ſent to York; but had ſome favour ſhewn to him, by means of his uncle, the lord Wharton, engaged on the other ſide. Upon his enlargement after being taken at Rowton-Moor (*b*), viz. in April, 1648, he received from Sir Marmaduke Langdale, a new commiſſion, to be commander in chief of the counties of Cumberland and Weſtmoreland, and having taken Carliſle from the rebels by ſurprize, was appointed governor thereof. After the battle of Worceſter, Sir Philip, attended on his majeſty King Charles II. both in France and Holland, and from the latter, waited on him in Scotland, where all the king's ſervants being enjoined to depart that kingdom within eight days, he retired to the Iſle of Man, where he was honourably entertained by the earl of Derby, until that earl received from the king an order to meet him in England, with ſuch forces as he could raiſe in the iſland, and that he ſhould ſend Sir Philip Muſgrave to him with all ſpeed. Upon the receipt of this order, Sir Philip, ſailed for Scotland, but being ſo long detained at ſea by contrary winds, that the king's army had marched before his arrival, and not being able to eſcape the vigilance of the rebels, he was forced to deſiſt from his deſign of following the king, and to ſtay in Scotland, until the counteſs of Derby, ſent a ſhip on purpoſe to fetch him back to the Iſle of Man, and appointed him governor; which place he bravely defended, under the counteſs, until it was reduced to the laſt extremity; and then, that lady having ſurrendred upon honourable terms, he had leave to retire to any part of England. At the reſtoration of King Charles II. A. D. 1660, he was made governor of Carliſle, and had ſome other reparation made

(*a*) Lord Clarendon ſays thus of him: At the battle of Cheſter, there were many perſons of quality taken priſoners, amongſt the reſt, Sir Philip Muſgrave, a gentleman of a noble extraction and ample fortune, in Cumberland and Weſtmoreland; who lived to engage himſelf again in the ſame ſervice, and with the ſame affection, and, after very great ſufferings, to ſee the king's reſtoration. Vol. II. p. 2 p. 71, 8vo edit. (*b*) Ex Inſer. Dom. Ph Muſgrave, Bar.

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made him by the crown, for the ſufferings of his family. He had a warrant for creating him baron Muſgrave, of Hartley-caſtle, but never took out the patent. He departed this life at his ſeat, at Edenhall, Feb. 7. A. D. 167$\frac{7}{8}$, aged 70 years, in great honour and eſteem, for a wife, loyal, and brave man. He lies interr'd under a monument of white marble, in the chancel of the pariſh-church of St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, the burial-place of this family, ſince that eſtate came into it, with the following inſcription (*a*):

Æ. M.
S.
Philippus Muſgrave Baronettus, Proſapiâ antiquâ
Muſgraveorum in hoc Agro oriundus,
Decus Gentilitium, quod Hæres legitimus acceperat
Tanquam Poſſeſſor boni nominis, ſuâ virtute
Auctum, ad Poſteros tranſmiſit
In Bello Civili Caroli I. auſpicia ſequebatur
Potens Conſilio, opibus, manu.
Regias Partes, Fortunâ deſerente, non deſeruit;
Poſt bonorum amiſſionem, & Capitis proſcriptionem
De Causâ optima tardiſſimè deſperavit.

Ob merita egregia, & ob Fidem conſtantiſſimè
Patriæ præſtitam, ſibi ſervatam,
Carolus Secundus cum diu circumſpiceret ei honorarium
ut judicium ſimul & affectus oſtenderet
Carlioli donavit Præfecturâ
Contra ingentem aliorum ambitum
Idem petentium Præmium.

Vixit Annos ſeptuaginta
Deceſſit Ærâ Xti MDCLXXVII, Feb. VII.

Chriſtophorus Muſgrave Filius natu Secundus Eq. Aur.
Parenti Indulgentiſſimo
Pietatis ergo
P.

His lady, (who died before him ſome years) lies buried in the chancel of the church of St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, with the following inſcription over her (*b*).

Julian Muſgrave, youngeſt Daughter of Sir Richard Hutton, of Goldſborough, in the County of York, Knt, one of the Judges of the Common-pleas, was Wife to Sir Philip Muſgrave, of Hartley-caſtle, in the County of Weſtmoreland, Baronet, by whom he had ſix Sons; Richard, the eldeſt, Philip, buried at Charenton, in France, Chriſtopher, William, Simon, Thomas, and one Daughter, named Frances. This pious Lady having

(*a*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 181. (*b*) Ibid. p. 71.

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ing ſerved God devoutly, all her Days, meekly reſign'd her Soul to him, on the 5th Day of March, 1659, in the 53d Year of her Age, and was by her Husband, buried near this Place, and the Grave of her Son, William. Rev. xiv. 13.

He had by this lady, ſix ſons; Sir Richard, Philip, (who died at Charenton, in France;) Sir Chriſtopher, William, Simon, (who was unfortunately drowned,) and Thomas, dean of Carliſle, and prebendary of Durham, who married firſt, Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Harriſon, of Allerthorp, in the county of York, Knt. (by Margaret, daughter of the lord Darcy, of Hornby-caſtle, in com. Ebor. Knt.) by whom he had one daughter, Margaret: his ſecond wife was, Anne, daughter of Sir John Cradock, of Richmond, in the ſame county, Knt. by whom he left no iſſue. He died March 28, 1686, aged 47, and lies buried (*a*) in Durham-cathedral. Sir Philip's only daughter, Frances, was married to Edward Hutchinſon, of Wickham-abby, in Yorkſhire, Eſq;

Sir Richard Muſgrave, Bart. eldeſt ſon and heir to Sir Philip, ſucceeded him in title and eſtate; he was of an infirm conſtitution, and did not concern himſelf in any publick affairs, and having married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Harriſon, of Allerthorp, in com. Ebor. Knt. left only one daughter, Mary, married to Thomas Davyſon, of Blackſton, in com. Dunelm. Eſq; whereupon,

Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Knt. brother to Sir Richard, and third ſon to Sir Philip, ſucceeded in the dignity and eſtate. While he was young, he was very active for the royal cauſe, and ſuffered much by impriſonment, and otherwiſe; (towards the end of the uſurpation,) being found to be concerned in Sir George Booth's riſing. After the reſtoration, he had a commiſſion, as captain of the guards, and was knighted; made governor of Carliſle, and lieutenant-general of the ordnance; and in the firſt year of her majeſty Queen Anne, made one of the four tellers of the exchequer. He was twice married; his firſt lady was Mary, daughter and coheir of Sir Andrew Cogan, of Greenwich, Bart. by whom he had two ſons, and one daughter, viz. Philip Muſgrave, Eſq; hereafter mentioned, Mary, and Chriſtopher. This lady died in childbed, at Carliſle-caſtle, July, A. D. 1664, in the twenty-eighth year of her age, and lies buried in the chancel of Edenhall. His ſecond lady was, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Francklyn, of Willeſdon, in Middleſex (*b*), Knt. by whom he had ſix ſons; John, Richard, who died young, Joſeph, who ſerv'd as repreſentative in parliament for Cockermouth, 1713, who is living, and unmarried, Simon, who died in the Eaſt-Indies,

(*a*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 76. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. II. p. 330.

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dies, Thomas, who is living, unmarried, and George, ſtorekeeper of the dock at Chatham, who married Sarah, youngeſt daughter of Mr. Benj. Roſell, relict of lieutenant Young, by whom he has three ſons, Joſeph, Thomas, and George; Sir Chriſtopher, had alſo ſix daughters, Eliz. married to John Wyneve, of Brettenham, in Suffolk, Eſq; Dorothy, married to James Hawley, of Brentford, in Middleſex, Eſq; (by whom Henry Hawley, now of Brentford, Eſq; and James Hawley, of London, M. D.) Mary, who is unmarried, Frances, Anne, and Barbara, who died unmarried. Sir Chriſtopher, repreſented the city of Carliſle, in parliament, in the reigns of K. Cha. II. K. Ja II. K. Will. III. and Q. Anne, and on all occaſions demonſtrated himſelf a loyal ſubject, an able ſtateſman, and a ſingular patriot to his country. He died at London, of an apoplexy, July 29, 1704, and lies buried at St. Trinity, in the Minories, near his eldeſt ſon, Philip, (who died before him,) having a handſome monument erected for him, at St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, with the following inſcription (*a*):

> Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Eſq; conſecrates this Monument to the Memory of his Father, Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Knt. and Bart. who died of an Apoplexy, in London, the 29th of July, A. D. 1704, in the 73d Year of his Age, and was buried in the Chapel of Trinity Minories, near the Tower of London. He was married to his firſt Wife, Mary, on the 31ſt Day of May, 1660, who was daughter of Sir Andrew Cogan; ſhe died the 11th of July, 1664, and lies here buried: By her he had two Sons, and one Daughter; Philip, Chriſtopher, and Mary. His ſecond Wife was Daughter of Sir John Franklyn, Bart. who died the 11th of April, 1701, and lies here buried by her; he had ſix Sons, and ſix Daughters, viz. John, Richard, Joſeph, Simon, Thomas, and George: Elizabeth, Dorothy, Frances, Mary, Anne, and Barbara.
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> In the Reigns of King Charles II. King James II. and Queen Anne, he enjoyed very conſiderable and honourable Employments; and it is worthy to be remembred, that in his Youth, during our civil Diſſentions, when Loyalty was criminal, he was active and faithful to the Crown: In his riper Years, when Faction and Sedition prevailed, he gave conſtant and uſeful Proofs of his Affection and Fidelity to his Prince; when the Laws, Liberty, and Religion of his Country were inſulted and invaded, he choſe to ſacrifice his Fortune and Employments to his Integrity, whoſe Service, for the ſpace of forty Years in Parliament, the Sphere wherein his Abilities ſhin'd with greateſt Luſtre, affords ſuch and ſo many Inſtances of ſublime Vertue, as are as hard to praiſe as imitate.

His

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Phil. Muſgrave, Bar.

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His firſt lady lies buried in the chancel of the church of St. Cuthbert, Edenhall, in Cumberland, with the following inſcription over her (*a*):

Here lies Mary Muſgrave, Wife to Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, ſecond ſon to Sir Philip Muſgrave, Baronet. She was eldeſt Daughter, and one of the Coheirs of Sir Andrew Cogan, of Eaſt-Greenwich, in the County of Kent, Baronet. She dyed in Childbed, at Carliſle-caſtle, the 8th (*b*) Day of July, 1664, being the 28th Year of her Age, and left three Children, Philip, Mary, and Chriſtopher.

Philip, eldeſt ſon of Sir Chriſtopher, was a gentleman of great hopes, and had all the advantages of education, both at home and abroad. He married 12 November, 1685, Mary, eldeſt daughter to George Legg, lord Dartmouth, then maſter-general of the ordnance. He was clerk of the council in the reign of King James II. and clerk of the deliveries in the ordnance; and dying 2 July, 1689, much lamented by all that knew him; was buried in the chapel of Trinity Minories, (where his father-in-law, the lord Dartmouth, was afterwards buried, 1691.) having a handſome monument erected to his memory, at Edenhall, with the following inſcription (*c*):

To the Memory of Philip Muſgrave, Eſq; Eldeſt Son of Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, of Edenhall, in the County of Cumberland, Knt. and Bart. by Mary, his firſt Wife, Daughter of Sir Andrew Cogan, of Greenwich, in the County of Kent, Bart. who having had all the advantages of Education at home, and Travail abroad, was qualified at the Age of 25 Years, to ſerve his Majeſty King Charles II. as Clerk of the Council, and one of the principal Officers of the Ordnance, and his Country alſo in Parliament. He was born in London, March (*d*) 21, 166⅔. He married Mary, eldeſt Daughter of George, Lord Dartmouth, Maſter-General of the Ordnance: And died July 2, 1689, being buried near his Father-in-law, in the Chapel of Trinity Minories, near the Tower of London—He left two Children, Barbara, and Chriſtopher, who are now part of the ſurviving Hopes of that ancient Family, whereof he was ſo great an Ornament; having in every condition of his Life, approved himſelf a good Chriſtian, a loyal Subject, a dutiful Son, an obliging Huſband, a tender Father, and a faithful Friend.

He left a ſon and a daughter; Chriſtopher, (afterwards Sir Chriſtopher) and Barbara, married to Thomas Howard, of Corby-caſtle, in Cumberland, Eſq;

(*a*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 103. (*b*) In Sir Philip's copy of Sir Chriſtopher's inſcription on the other ſide, 'tis ſaid, ſhe died the 11th. (*c*) From Sir Phil. Muſgrave, Bart. tho' Le Neve, in his Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 98. ſays, he died July 2, 1688, and Stow, in his Survey of London; vol. I. B. 2. p. 15, ſays, 1688. (*d*) Le Neve in his Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 98, makes it May.

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Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Eſq; youngeſt ſon of Sir Chriſtopher, by his firſt lady, was born at Carliſle, and bred to the law; and, upon the death of his elder brother, ſucceeded him as clerk of the council: He ſerv'd the city of Carliſle as their repreſentative in parliament, in the reign of Queen Anne, and was principal officer of the ordnance. He died a batchelor, Sept. 1718, and lies buried in Weſtminſter-Abby.

> To the Memory of Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Eſq; youngeſt Son of Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Knt. and Baronet, of Edenhall, in the County of Cumberland, by his firſt Wife, Mary Cogan, Daughter and Heireſs of Sir Andrew Cogan, Bart. He died a Batchelor, in the 55th Year, the 10th of Sept. 1718, and was buried in Weſtminſter-Abby. He was one of the principal Officers of the Office of Ordnance 25 Years, and in the Reign of our late moſt gracious Sovereign Queen Anne, he was ſworn Clerk in ordinary of the Privy-Council, which Employment, though he waited many Years for, as Clerk in extraordinary, he executed but few before he obtained her Majeſty's Leave to reſign it to his Nephew, Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave; and in the whole courſe of his Life, he was not leſs mindful of any of his Relations, when it was in his power to ſerve them.

Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave, Bart. only ſon and heir of Philip, on his grandfather's death, ſucceeded to the eſtate and dignity. As ſoon as he had paſſed thro' his education at Eaton, and Chriſt-church, Oxon, and was come of age, his uncle, Chriſtopher, by leave of the late queen, reſigned to him the place of a clerk of her majeſty's moſt honourable privy-council, which his father had enjoyed but few years. He ſerv'd in parliament for the city of Carliſle, in the laſt parliament of Queen Anne, and for the county of Cumberland, 8 Geo. I. and, by his late majeſty King George, was continued in his poſt: He married, 21 June, A. D. 1711, Julia, daughter to Sir John Chardin, Knt. by whom he left iſſue, four ſons; Sir Philip his ſucceſſor, Chriſtopher, Hans, and Chardin, all unmarried; and ſeven daughters (*a*); Mary, married to Hugh Lumley, of Ballymaloe, in the kingdom of Ireland, Eſq; Julia, married to Edward Haſel, of Dalemaine, in Cumberland, Eſq; Barbara, married to John Hog, of Cammo, in Scotland, Eſq; Anne, Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Dorothy, all as yet unmarried. He died Jan. 3, 173⅝, at Penwortham, in Lancaſhire, at the ſeat of his friend and relation, Henry Fleetwood, Eſq; in which church, according to his own deſire, he lies buried, with the following incription on his monument (*b*):

To

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Phil. Muſgrave, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

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To the Memory
Of Sir Chriſtopher Muſgrave,
Of Edenhall, Baronet;
Son of Philip Muſgrave, Eſq;
He had four Sons
By Julia, Daughter of Sir John Chardin, Knt.
Philip, Chriſtopher, Hans, and Chardin:
And ſeven Daughters;
Mary, Julia, Barbara, Anne,
Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Dorothy,
All living at his Death.
He ſucceeded his Uncle, Chriſtopher Muſgrave
As Clerk of the Council:
He ſerv'd the City of Carliſle
As their Repreſentive
In the laſt Parliament of Queen Anne,
And the County of Cumberland,
As Knight of the Shire,
In the ſecond Parliament of King George I.
He was born the 25th of Dec. 1688.
He died the 3d of Jan. 1735,
At the Houſe of his Friend and Relation,
Henry Fleetwood, of Penwortham,
In the County of Lancaſter, Eſq;
And by his own Deſire lies buried
In the Chancel of that Pariſh-Church.

Philip, his Son and Heir
Cauſed this Monument to be erected.

Sir Philip Muſgrave, his eldeſt ſon, ſucceded him in the title and eſtate; and is the preſent baronet, as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Azure, ſix Annulets, three, two, one, Or. Alluding to the Arms of the Lords Vipont; which were the ſame in Subſtance, both in Charge and Poſition alike, and only different in Tincture.

CREST: Out of a Wreath, two Arms counterly embow'd, arm'd, and gauntled, proper, exhibiting an Annulet, Or.

MOTTO: *Sans changer.*

SEATS: At *Hartley-caſtle*, in *Weſtmoreland*, and *Edenhall*, in *Cumberland*.

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9. SEYMOUR, of Bury-Pomeroy, Devonshire.

(EDWARD, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS is a family of great note and antiquity; for among those that entered England with William the conqueror, or soon after, were those named Seymour; they were anciently written Saint Maure *(a)*, named from some village in Normandy, and in old Latin records, D. S. Mauro.

The earliest and most certain information concerning this family, and the place of their residence, is given us by Camden, in his Britannia *(b)*, (in Monmouthshire) in these words: 'Not 'far from Caldecot, are Wondy and Penhow, the seats formerly 'of the illustrious family of St. Maur, now corruptly call'd Sey-'mour. For we find that about the year 1240 (in order to wrest 'Wondy out of the hands of the Welsh) G. Marshal, earl of 'Pembroke, was obliged to assist William of St. Maur; from whom 'was descended, Roger of St. Maur, Knt. who married one of 'the heiresses of the illustrious John Beauchamp, the noble baron 'of Hache, &c.'

Vincent, in his MS. baronage in the college of arms, has transcribed the Latin record, viz. *Gilbertus Mareſcallus Comes Pembrochiæ tenetur præbere Dn° Willo de S. Mauro conſilium & auxilium in quantum poterit, ſecundum lege Angliæ ad perquirendum manerium de Woundy de Morgano filio Hoeli, tali conditione, quod ſi præd. Willus dictum manerium perquirere poterit, dictus Gilbertus habebit medietatem dicti manerii, & aliam medietatem faciat extendi dicto Willo per probos, & legales homines ad hoc. ex eâque parte electos. Ita quod pro quálibet Summâ 20 l. redditus dictus Gilbertus dabit Willo de S. Mauro decem libras. Et quod idem Willus de S. Mauro teneat medietatem dicti manerii in manu ſuâ donec inde plenam ſolutionem, ſicut præſcriptum eſt, receperit. Et ſi forte contigerit, quod eidem Willo de conſilio dictus Gilbertus defecerit, dictus Willus de S. Mauro remaneat ſolutus & quietus de obligatione quiam dictus Gilbertus feçit ſuper dictum manerium de Woundy.*

Whether the earl of Pembroke performed his part of this covenant, it does not appear. But certain it is, this Sir William St. Maur (for Vincent assures us he was a knight) soon after became master of Woundy, Penhow, &c. in Monmouthshire, and at the last

(a) Camden's Remains, p. 141. 8vo edit. *(b)* Vol. II. p. 714, 715.

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laſt of thoſe places fixed the ſeat of his family. The church of Penhow was dedicated to St. Maur, their park there was called by their own name; and here likewiſe they had their caſtle, which continued in the family to Henry VIIIth's time (a); for in a letter of the earl of Hertford, to Sir J. Thynne, he deſires him to inform him, to whom his grandfather had ſold Seymour-caſtle, in Wales.

Sir Roger de St. Mauro, was the ſon and heir of Sir William. He was lord of the manor of Woundy, as appears by an aſſize, anno 53 Henry III. wherein it was found, that Roger de St. Maur, ought to have Houſebote and Heybote at his houſe at Woundy, by the moiety of Magor-park, and upon his fee of Woundy, by the feoffment of Barth. de Moor. And in a grant of his of a meſſuage to Thomas Eliot, of the chapel at Woundy, his ſeal appendant was a pair of wings, circumſcrib'd *Sigill. Rogeri de Seimor.* This Sir Roger, died before the 28th of King Edward I.

Roger de St. Mauro, the ſecond of that chriſtian name, was the ſon and heir of Sir Roger. He was lord of Penhow, and Woundy, and was living in the 8th of King Edward II. as appears from an inquiſition of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Glouceſter, where it is mentioned, that Roger de Seymour, William de Gamage, and their Tenants in Woundy, are anſwerable in pleas of the crown, in the court of Caerleon. This Roger, married the daughter and heir of —— Damarel, of Devonſhire, whoſe arms were Gules, three Creſcents, Or.

The ſon of this Roger de S. Mauro, was called alſo Roger, and was of Even-Swindon, in com. Wilton. who, by his marriage with Cecilia, one of the daughters and heirs of John de Beauchamp, baron of Hache, &c. in com. Som. conſiderably added to the fortunes, as well as the dignity of his family, and was the cauſe of their removal into Somerſetſhire, to their very great advantage. On this occaſion I chuſe to repreſent, in the learned Camden's own words, the great acceſſion that accrued to the honour of this family, by this noble alliance.

'From this William de St. Maur, who firſt ſettled at Woundy, 'deſcended Roger de St. Maur, Knt. who married one of the 'heireſſes of the illuſtrious John Beauchamp, the noble baron of 'Hache, who was deſcended from Sibyl, one of the coheireſſes of 'that moſt puiſſant William Marſhal, earl of Pembroke, and 'from William Ferrars, earl of Derby, Hugh de Vivon, and 'William Malet, men of eminent worth in their times. The 'nobility of all which, as alſo of ſeveral others, have (as may be 'made evident) concentred in the right honourable Edward de 'St. Maur, or Seymour, (now) earl of Hertford, a ſingular en-

(a) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 24, &c.

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'courager of virtue and learning, for which qualification he is 'deservedly famous.'

Of which family of Beauchamp, he also gives the following account, in the county of Somerset.

'The Beauchamps, otherwise called de Bellocampa, have 'flourished in great honour from the time of Henry II. especially 'since Cecilia de Fortibus, descended from the earls de Ferra-'riis, and from that famous marshal of England, William, earl 'of Pembroke, was married into this family. But in the reign 'of Edward III. the estate was divided by sisters, between Roger 'de S. Mauro, or Seymour, and John Meriel, both of them 'sprung from ancient and honourable ancestors. This was the 'cause why Henry VIII. after he had married Jane Seymour, 'Edward VIth's mother, made Edward Seymour, her brother, 'viscount Beauchamp, whom King Edward VI. afterwards ad-'vanced to the honour of duke of Somerset.'

The said Cicely had assigned for her share, on the partition of the inheritance of the Beauchamps, the manors of Hache, Shepton-Beauchamp, Murifield, and the third part of the manor of Shepton-Malet, in com. Somers. also certain lands in Sturminster-Marshal, in com. Dors. the manors of Boultbury, and Haberton, in com. Devon. the manors of Dourton, in com. Bucks; Little-Haw, in com. Suff. and two parts of the manor of Selling, in com. Kanc. She survived her husband, and afterwards married Sir— Turbervile, Knt. *(a)* and died in 17 Rich. II. seized of the manor of Shepton-Beauchamp, and the advowson of the church, Roger Seymour, son of William Seymour, being her grandson and heir, and then of the age of 27 years.

Which William, of Even-Swindon, in 30 Edw. III. attended the prince of Wales, into Gascony, and on that account had the king's letters of protection, dated at Bamberg, the 8th of February, in the same year. He had to wife, Margaret, daughter and heir of Simon de Brookeby, of the county of Hereford, by Joan, sister and heir of Sir Peter de la Mare, Knt. and died in 13 Rich. II. leaving the beforementioned Roger, his son and heir, of full age.

This Roger, married Maud, daughter and coheir to Sir William Esturmy, of Chadham, in com. Wilts, Knt. lord of Wolfhall, in the same county, whose ancestors were bailiffs and guardians of the forest of Savernake, by right of inheritance, from the time of King Henry II. The said Roger Seymour, died in 10 Henry V. leaving John, his son and heir, twenty years of age and upwards, who, by inquisition then taken, in the county of Glouceſter, was found cousin and heir to Sir Peter de la Mare, Knt.

(a) Pedigrees per Glover, Somerset, p. 101.

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Knt. viz. ſon of Margaret, daughter of Joan, ſiſter of the ſaid Peter.

Which John Seymour, of Even-Swindon, was a very noted and active perſon, having been ſheriff of ſeveral counties, and in other publick offices. In 9 Hen. VI. he was ſheriff of the county of Southampton (*a*), and the year following (*b*) for Wiltſhire. In 12 Henry VI. when the title of the houſe of York was ſet on foot, and all perſons of note in the ſeveral counties of England were ſummoned to take the oaths to preſerve the peace for themſelves and retainers, he appeared in Wiltſhire, and is the firſt mentioned in the liſt, after the knights in that county. He was that year ſheriff of Dorſet and Somerſetſhire, and knighted before the fifteenth year of King Henry VI. when he was again ſheriff of the county of Southampton. He was likewiſe in the ſame office for Wiltſhire, in 29 Hen. VI. and one of the knights for the ſaid county, in the parliament held at Reading, in 31 Hen. VI. (*c*) alſo the year following, was a third time ſheriff of Southampton, and departed this life (*d*) in the fourth year of the reign of King Edward IV. He had iſſue, by Iſabel his wife, daughter and heir of William Mac-Williams, of Briſtol, John Seymour, Eſq; his ſon and heir.

The ſaid John, was ſheriff of Wiltſhire, in 36 Henry VI. (*e*) and died the year before his father, viz. in 3 Ed. IV. having taken to wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir Robert Coker, of Lawrence-Lydiard, in com. Somerſ. (who ſurviving him, afterwards married Sir Nicholas Carew, of Haccomb, in com. Devon. Knt. (*f*)) by whom he left two ſons, John, and Humphrey Seymour, of Even-Swindon, who married Elizabeth, daughter and one of the heirs of Thomas Winſlow, of Burton, in com. Oxon. from whom the Seymours of Oxfordſhire deſcended, and I preſume, thoſe of Hanford, in com. Dorſet. who have a Chief, charged with the Marlets, as an additional diſtinction to their arms.

John Seymour, of Wolf-hall, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, was fourteen years of age at the death of his grandfather. He took to his firſt wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Sir George Darel, of Littlecote, in com. Wilts, by Margaret his wife, daughter of John, lord Stourton. Which Sir George, was keeper of the great wardrobe to King Edward IV. and ſon of Sir William Darel, undertreaſurer of England, who, by marrying Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Thomas Calſton, of Littlecote, Eſq; became lord of that place, but was deſcended from the Darels, of Sezay, in Yorkſhire, anciently called De Hairel, as Camden tells us, in Buckinghamſhire.

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies in cod. com. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) MS. Penes B. Willis Arm. (*d*) Vincent's Baronage. (*e*) Fuller's Worthies. (*f*) Glover's Pedigrees of the Nobility, p. 102.

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ſhire. The iſſue of this John Seymour by her, were four ſons, and as many daughters; viz. 1. Sir John Seymour, hereafter mentioned. 2. Sir George Seymour, ſheriff of Wiltſhire, in 14 Hen. VII. 3. Sir Robert Seymour; and 4. Sir William Seymour, made knight of the Bath, at the marriage of Prince Arthur, eldeſt ſon to King Henry VII. and by his will, dated 3 Sept. 1503. 19 Hen. VII. bequeaths all his lands to dame Elizabeth Byconyll, his mother; and to Margaret his wife, his manor of North-Moulton, in Devonſhire, for her life, with lands in Somerſetſhire, to the value of 40s. per annum, and orders his body to be buried in Joſeph of Aramathea's chapel, in the abby of Glaſtonbury. The daughters were, Margaret, married to Sir Nicholas Wadham; Jane, the wife of Sir John Huddleſton, of Marleſton, in com. Cumbr. Elizabeth, eſpouſed to John Croft, Eſq; and Catherine, died a maiden.

He had alſo a ſecond wife, daughter of Robert Harden, by whom he had iſſue, Roger Seymour, of Andover, Eſq; who left four daughters, his coheirs.

Sir John Seymour, beforementioned, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father in 7 Hen. VII. and was one of the commanders of thoſe forces that vanquiſhed the lord Audley, and the Corniſh rebels at Blackheath, in Kent *(a)*, in 12 Hen. VII. where, for his valiant deportment, he was knighted by the king in the field of battle; and ſerving king Henry VIII. in his wars in France and Flanders, had the honour of knight-banneret conferred on him, in the fifth year of his reign, for his gallant behaviour at the ſiege of Theroüene and Tournay, and the battle that enſued, called by our hiſtorians, the battle of Spurs *(b)*. In 7 Hen. VIII. he was ſheriff of Dorſet and Somerſetſhire *(c)*, and alſo 18 Hen. VIII. and was twice ſheriff for Wiltſhire, in 10 and 16 Hen. VIII. In 9 Hen. VIII. being then one of the knights for the body of that king *(d)*, he obtained a grant of the conſtablewick of Briſtol caſtle to himſelf, and Edward his ſon, in as ample a manner as Giles, lord D'Aubeny, held the ſame. In the year 1520, he attended on King Henry VIII. *(e)* at the great interview with Francis, the French king, between Guiſnes and Ardres, having in his retinue, one chaplain, eleven ſervants, and eight led horſes. Alſo when the Emperor Charles V. came into England, in 14 Hen. VIII. 1522, he was appointed *(f)* to attend the king at Canterbury, the 27th of May, in order to his reception. In 22 Hen. VIII. he was one of the five of the county of Wilts *(g)*, who were appointed to enquire into the poſſeſſions of cardinal Wolſey;

(a) Nom. Equit. in Bib. Cott. Claudius, C. 3. *(b)* Nom. Equit. ibid. *(c)* Fuller's Worthies in eod. com. *(d)* Dugdale's Baron. vol. II. p. 361. *(e)* E. lib. MS. cont. Nom. Nob. &c. a temp. R. Steph. ad H. 8. Not. B. 5. in Bib. Jo. Anſtis Arm. *(f)* Rymer's Fœdera, tom. 13. p. 768. *(g)* Ibid. tom. 14. p. 404.

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Wolſey; and at the ſecond interview with Francis, the French king, at Bulloign, in the year 1532 (24 Hen. VIII.) was one of the grooms (*a*) of the chamber, and waited on his ſovereign.

He had the honour of having his eldeſt daughter Jane, married to King Henry VIII. who was not only inclined to this marriage by his own affections, but by the humble petition and interceſſion of moſt of the nobles of his realm, moved thereunto, as well by the conveniency of her years, as in reſpect that by her excellent beauty, and pureneſs of fleſh and blood, ſhe was apt (God willing) to conceive iſſue, as it is worded in the act of ſucceſſion, 28 Hen. VIII.

This Sir John Seymour, departed this life on December 21, 1536, (28 Hen. VIII.) in the ſixtieth year of his age, and had ſepulture in Eaſton-Priory church, in com. Wilts. but on the diſſolution thereof, his remains were removed and buried in the chancel of the pariſh-church of Great Bedwin. His lady (who was Margaret, daughter of Sir John Wentworth, of Nettleſted, in com. Suff. and Anne his wife, daughter and heir of Sir John Say, Knt. (*b*)) ſurvived him, and died in the year 1550, (5 Edw. VI.) as her laſt teſtament, and the probat thereof ſhews: 'Wherein (*c*) ſhe bequeaths her body to be buried, as her executors think fit; leaves divers legacies of plate, jewels, &c. to her relations, and mentions Edward Seymour, and Henry Seymour, ſons of the duke of Somerſet, as her godſons, and conſtitutes her ſon, Sir Henry Seymour, Executor.'

Their iſſue were, ſix ſons, and four daughters; 1. Jane, married (as before was ſaid) to King Henry VIII. and mother to the pious King Edward VI. of whom ſhe died in childbed, greatly lamented by the whole realm, being reputed (as our hiſtorians of that time relate) not only the faireſt, but the diſcreeteſt of all the king's wives; and her death ſo much afflicted the king, who always found her humble and loyal, that notwithſtanding ſeveral offers made to him, he continued a widower more than two years. Elizabeth, ſecond daughter, was married firſt to Sir Anthony Oughtred, Knt. governor of Jerſey (*d*); ſecondly, to Gregory, lord Cromwel (ſon and heir of Thomas Cromwel, earl of Eſſex, knight of the moſt noble order of the garter;) and thirdly, to John, lord St. John, of Baſing, afterwards marquis of Wincheſter; Margery, third daughter, died an infant; and Dorothy, was

(*a*) MS. in Bib. Jo. Anſtis, Ar. (*b*) Glover's Pedig. of Nob. p. 102. (*c*) Ex Regiſt. Coode qu. 29. (*d*) Mr. Falle, in his Account of Jerſey, p. 189. ſays, 'Sir Anthony, was nearly allied by his wife, to Queen Anne Boleyn, and not unworthy of that alliance: He had been governor of Berwick, and eminently diſtinguiſhed himſelf in the Scottiſh wars. Notwithſtanding his relation to the court, and what further expectations he might have from it, he lived and died in the iſland, and was buried in St. George's chapel.'

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was wedded firſt to Sir Clement Smith, of Little Badow, in Eſſex, Knt. and after his deceaſe, to Thomas Leventhorp, a younger brother of Edward Leventhorp, of Stringey-hall, in com. Hertford. Eſq. The ſix ſons were, 1. John, who died unmarried, July 15, 1520. Edward Seymour, ſecond ſon, duke of Somerſet. Sir Henry, third ſon, poſſeſs'd of the large manors of Marvell, and Twyford, in com. Southampton. and knighted at the coronation of King Edward VI. being one of the forty in ſubſtitution of knights (*a*) of the Bath, that were not created for want of time to perform the ceremony: He left a family at Marvell aforeſaid, which is now extinct. Sir Thomas Seymour, fourth ſon, was created lord Seymour, of Sudeley: He diſtinguiſhed himſelf in ſeveral military commands, and was 35 Hen. VIII. marſhal of the forces that were ſent in aid of Maximilian the emperor, againſt the French king; as alſo of thoſe forces ſent into France, under his brother Edward, earl of Hertford. 1 Edw. VI. he was advanced to the title of lord Seymour, of Sudeley, elected one of the knights of the moſt noble order of the garter (*b*), and made lord admiral of England. But having married Catherine Parr, the widow of the deceaſed King Hen. VIII. and being by this match poſſeſſed of great wealth, he grew turbulent, was full of ambitious deſigns, and formed conſpiracies, &c. whereupon he was committed to the tower, and articles of high treaſon were preferr'd againſt him; and being attainted by parliament, was beheaded March 20, 1549 (*c*). John, and Anthony, fifth and ſixth ſons, died young.

Edward Seymour, eldeſt ſon, was educated, firſt at Oxford, and after ſome ſtay there, removed to Cambridge (*d*); from whence, returning to his father at court, when martial atchievements were encouraged by King Henry VIII. he took early to arms, ſpent his youth in the wars, and landing at Calais with the duke of Suffolk, the 24th of Auguſt 1523, (15 Hen. VIII.) was in that expedition, and at the taking of Bray, Roye, and Montdidier, in France, where ſhewing a prudent conduct and valiant behaviour, he had the honour of knighthood conferred on him, by the duke of Suffolk, at Roye (*e*), on Alhallows-day, the ſame year. In 16 Hen. VIII. being one of the eſquires (*f*) of the king's houſhold, he was one of the challengers before the king, in the Tilt-yard, at Greenwich, on his keeping a royal Chriſtmas there. In 19 Hen. VIII. he accompanied cardinal Wolſey, who went in great ſtate on an embaſſy to the French king, and was received with the higheſt honour. In 24 Hen. VIII. being

(*a*) Nom. Equit. præd. (*b*) Aſhmole's Order of the Garter, p. 265. (*c*) See the whole proceedings againſt him, in State Tryals, fol. vol. VII. p. 1. (*d*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. I. p. 81. (*e*) Nom. Equit. præd. (*f*) MS. in Bib. Jo. Anſtis, Ar.

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being 'squire for the body to the king, he was in that gallant train which attended their sovereign to Bulloign, at his interview with Francis, the French king. On his sister's marriage with King Henry VIII. he was one of the knights for the body (*a*), but on that solemnity, he had the title of viscount Beauchamp, bestowed on him, by reason of his descent from an heir female of that house (as before is shewn) and the same year (28 Henry VIII.) with Sir Richard Buckley, Knt. had a grant of the office (*b*) of chancellor and chamberlain of North-Wales, for life; as also made captain of the isle of Jersey, upon the surrender of that command, by the lord Vaux (*c*).

On the 18th of October, 1537, (29 Henry VIII.) he was created earl of Hertford; and in 32 Henry VIII. as cousin and heir to Sir William Sturmy, Knt. viz. son of Sir John Seymour, Knt. son of John Seymour, Esq; son of Sir John Seymour, Knt. son of Maud, daughter and heir to Sir William Sturmy, Knt. he had livery of Sturmy's lands. Also the same year was sent over to France, to dispute the limits of the English borders; and on his return, was elected at Hampton-court (Jan. 9.) one of the knights companions of the most noble order of the garter (*d*).

In 33 Hen. VIII. on the Scotch denying their homage (*e*), he accompanied the duke of Norfolk, in his expedition into Scotland. In 34 Hen. VIII. he was made lord great-chamberlain of England for life; and the same (*f*) year, made lieutenant-general of the North. In 36 Hen. VIII. with an army well furnish'd, he embarqued for Scotland, with 200 sail of ships, and landing in the Frith, took Leith, and Edinburgh, and after plundering and burning them, marched by land into England. And afterwards, the same year, the king being then at the siege of Bulloign (*g*), he came to him with several troops of Almains, &c. and on the taking thereof, routed an army of 14000 French, who lay encamped hard by.

In 37 Henry VIII. the Scots making several incursions on the borders,

(*a*) Baron. of England, vol. II. p. 361. (*b*) Privat. Sigill. 28 H. 8. (*c*) Mr. Falle, in his Account of the Island of Jersey, p. 189, and 190, observes, 'The lord Vaux 'was ambitious of having the government of Jersey, and withal so imprudent, as to part 'with a good estate in Northamptonshire, to Sir Arthur Darcy, in exchange for the same, 'even before he was assured whether the king would, or would not, confirm the convention between them two. When he came to apply for that purpose, the king plainly 'told him, *He would not trust the keeping of such an island as Jersey to one who could not keep his own lands*; yet gave him leave to demise the office to a third person, whom his 'majesty should approve, and to receive a recompence for it. Sir Edward Seymour, viscount Beauchamp, was the purchaser; whose great rise afterwards, even to the protectorship, not allowing of his coming amongst us, he governed us by deputies, being 'ever ready to hear favourably the complaints for which they too often gave occasion, and 'to do the inhabitants justice. When the good lord fell into his troubles, he willingly 'resigned the government to Sir Hugh Paulet. (*d*) Ashmole's Order of the Garter, p. 265. (*e*) Herbert's Hen. 8. in Hist. Eng. vol. II. p. 233. (*f*) Ibid. p. 242, 243. (*g*) Ibid. 245.

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borders, in conjunction with 5000 auxiliaries from France; he being sent against them (*a*), destroyed all the towns upon the middle marches, and passing towards the West, made great spoil in those parts. Soon after, the French endeavouring to regain Bulloign, he forced them to retreat, and pursuing the enemy, besides the slaughter, gained several trophies of his success.

In 38 Hen. VIII. he was elected chancellor of the university of Cambridge; and the same year, the earl of Surry, governor of Bulloign, being laid aside, he was sent thither with an army of 9300 men to oppose the French, then making head. After which, on proposals of peace, he was constituted the chief of the commissioners for that treaty, and meeting betwixt Guisnes and Ardres, a peace was concluded. And the king lying on his death-bed, by his will left him a legacy of 500l. and appointed him one of the council to his son, as also one of his executors (*b*); after whose decease (Jan. 28, 1547,) he immediately repaired to the young king, at Hertford, and conducting him to London, was, by the council, (Feb. 1.) unanimously elected protector of the realm, and governor of the king's person, until he should accomplish the age of eighteen years. On the 10th of February following, he was constituted lord-treasurer of England: And though he had the titles of viscount Beauchamp, and earl of Hertford, yet being no baron, he was advanced to that degree of honour on the 15th of the same month, with limitation to the heirs male of his body, by Anne, his second wife, remainder (*c*) to Edward Seymour, his son, by Catherine, his first wife; and by the title of baron Seymour, *That the name of that family*, as the king declares in the patent, *from which his most beloved mother, Jane, late queen of England, drew her beginning, might not be clouded by any higher title or colour of dignity.* Also the next day, he was created duke of Somerset, and to the heirs male of his body, by Anne his second wife, and for default of such issue, to the said Edward Seymour, Esq; son of him the said duke, and the lady Catherine, his first wife; and the heirs male of the body of the said Edward Seymour; and for default of such issue, to the heirs male of the body of the said duke, to be lawfully begotten on any other wife.

Likewise on the 17th of February, in consideration of his good, laudible, and acceptable services, he had a grant of the office of earl-martial of England, for life, in as ample manner as John Mowbray, duke of Norfolk, or Thomas, duke of Norfolk, (lately attainted of high treason) or any other earl-marshal of England, held or occupied: As also, that the said duke, as well in the king's presence as absence, might carry a golden staff, tipt at

(*a*) Ibid. 251. (*b*) Ex Regist. vocat Allen in Cur. Prærog. Cant. qu. 32. & Rymer. tom. XV. p. 117. (*c*) Collins's Peerage, vol. I. p. 31, & seq.

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at each end with black, and at the upper end thereof, the king's arms, and at the lower end, his own arms. Moreover, on the 12th of March following, he had a patent for that great office of protector and governor of the king and his realms; alſo on the 9th of July, a grant of 8000 marks per annum, during the time he ſhould be protector. He had likewiſe a ſpecial grant, that he ſhould ſit alone, and be placed at all times, as well in the king's preſence in parliament, as in his abſence, on the middle of the bench or ſtool, ſtanding next on the right hand of the king's royal ſeat in parliament; that he ſhould hear all cauſes, grant degrees of honour, &c. with ſeveral other great privileges and honours, ſpecified in the grant (*a*).

In the firſt year of his adminiſtration, he warily made a peace with France, turning all his thoughts to bring about the match of Mary Stewart, ſole daughter and heir to James V. king of Scotland, with his nephew, King Edward; and to that end, firſt aſſailed the Scotch nobility by friendly letters, remembring them of the promiſes, ſeals, and oaths, which, by publick authority, had paſſed for concluding the marriage; as alſo, that the two princes were agreeable, both for years and princely qualities, to be joined together, and thereby knit both realms into one, which would be profitable as well as honourable to both kingdoms. But theſe, and many other reaſons that were enforced by the protector, taking no effect, the king, by the advice of his council, granted him a commiſſion, with large powers; whereby, having prepared an army, he invaded Scotland, and fought that memorable battle at Muſſelburgh; wherein his undaunted courage, as well as conduct, were the principal means of gaining that ſignal victory, which put an end to the Scots ever making head again (to any purpoſe) againſt the Engliſh.

But not long after this, his power and near alliance to the king, expoſed him to the envy of the nobility, ſo that they ſought means to diveſt him of his places: And in the third year of the king, the major part withdrawing from the court, by the ſubtle artifices of John viſcount Liſle, (earl of Warwick, after duke of Northumberland) they ſecretly combined to ruin him.

The nature of this work will not admit a full relation of the troubles that befel the duke, and therefore I ſhall refer my reader to Hollinſhed's chronicle, and the hiſtorians of thoſe times; but the courſe his enemies took to bring him under their power, was in part thus: They ſummoned armed men, horſe and foot, to repair to them from every county, to oppoſe the duke and his men; giving out to the gentry the great dangers the king's perſon was in, and the neceſſity of reſcuing him out of the duke's hands; whoſe doings they called *traiterous and falſe, and his proceedings deviliſh.*

(*a*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 31, 32, 33.

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deviliſh. But on his ſubmiſſion, and ſurrendring the king's perſon, which he was prevailed on to do, to prevent the effuſion of blood, the lords diſpatched another letter, dated from London, October 11, to forbear the ſending up the forces they required.

The duke was committed to the Tower on the 14th of October, and after continuing a priſoner about three months, his enemies finding they could not convict him of any crime which might touch his life, they underhand dealt with him to ſubmit himſelf, with acknowledgment that he had deſerved his impriſonment, or whatever greater puniſhment the king ſhould be pleaſed to inflict on him; and withal, to implore the favour of his majeſty's royal clemency. To this he eaſily condeſcended, and was fined by act of parliament (*a*) 2000 l. per annum, and loſt all his goods and offices; but, on the 16th of February, had a full pardon; tho' he was not reſtored to the dignity of protector, or any other of his great places, only contenting himſelf with the rank of a privy counſellor. And it being conceived, that revenge might draw the duke to new practices, his friends mediated a reconciliation between him and the earl of Warwick; which, that it might be more firm and ſincere, the duke's daughter, on the 3d of June, is married to the viſcount Liſle, the earl of Warwick's ſon, the king gracing the nuptials with his preſence.

His eſtate thereby being moſtly forfeited, and given to the crown by parliament, the king, of his ſpecial favour, and at the humble petition of the lords of his council, by patent ſealed June 4, 1550, gave him back ſome lands, which were part of the inheritance of his anceſtors, viz. the caſtle of Marlborough, and all his lordſhips and manors of Barton, Ludgarſhal, Alborn, and Old Wotton, and his parks of Ludgarſhal, Great Vaſtern, Little Vaſtern, Alborn-Chaſe, and Alborn-Warren, and the foreſts, and the liberties of the foreſts of Bradon, and Savernake, with the apurtenances, in the county of Wilts; and divers other lordſhips, manors, lands, and tenements, in the counties of Wilts, Southampton, Dorſet, Somerſet, Middleſex, Berks, and Bucks. And June the 14th, in conſideration of the caſtle and lordſhip of Sleford, and other lands and manors in the county of Lincoln, the king, by patent of the ſame date, gave him all and ſingular the meſſuages, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, with the appurtenances, in the town of Glaſtonbury, in the county of Somerſet, and other lands and tenements in Kingſton, upon Hull.

And on the next day (June 5, 1550, 4 Edw. VI.) the king, by the advice of his council, grants to his dear and entirely beloved uncle, Edward, duke of Somerſet, authority and licence, during life, to retain two hundred perſons reſident within his dominions, and at his will and pleaſure, to give them his livery, badges,

(*a*) See State Tryals, fol. vol. VII. p. 14.

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badges and cognizance, over and above all such servants as attend him in his household, or are under him in any office or offices, of stewardship, &c.

The parliament begun to sit, the 4th of November following, and broke up the 1st of February: And it appears that the commons still favoured the duke of Somerset, and consulted his restoration to the office of protector of the king's person, but by their prorogation were prevented. However, they intended the next session, to endeavour at it, and in the mean time, to prepare the lords for it: And Whaley, the receiver of Yorkshire, speaking to divers noblemen about it, was, on that account, brought into trouble; the earl of Rutland being one that was witness against him.

Not long after, as appears by a letter from the earl of Warwick, to the lord Paget, and other letters in the Cotton-library, (Titus B. 2.) feuds began to be visible between the parties of the duke of Somerset, and the said earl of Warwick, the king shewing his uncle favour. And, considering his narrow circumstances, having not only been stripped of all his beneficial places, but also of his lands and revenues, to ease the duke in all he could, being to send hostages into France, consisting of persons of the best nobility, that might answer the quality of the French hostages sent hither, his majesty, among the rest, made choice of the earl of Hertford, the duke's heir, and was at the charge of setting him out (as appears by the king's warrant-book) which he did not do by any of the others. Also about the same time, the duke received 500l. bequeathed to him by King Henry's last will, which was paid, in consideration of his present occasions; the legacy having in effect, been before satisfied, when in the first year of the king, he had divers grants in consideration of services, and for fulfilling the king's will: As it ran in the book of sales.

In April 1551, the duke was made lord-lieutenant of the counties of Buckingham and Berkshire; but soon after the ill-cemented affections of the dukes of Somerset and Northumberland (for that title he had lately attained) dissolved into open enmity. In the prosecution whereof, Somerset (as some write) provoked by continual injuries, resolved to murder Northumberland; and to that end, under colour of a visit, came privily armed to his lodging, attended by seconds. But finding him in his bed, and being courteously entertained, did not execute what he purposed. Whereupon, at his departure, one of the company, (Sir J. Thynn, his secretary) asking him whether he had done the feat, and he saying, no; the other replied, then you are undone. This his intent, being by his own party betrayed, he, with the lord Grey, of Wilton, was sent to the Tower, on October 16, 1551; and the next day, his dutchess, Sir John Thynn, Sir Michael

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chael Stanhope, and other of his friends, were committed to the ſame place. And on the 21ſt of October, the lord Paget was carried to the Fleet by a guard; and from thence, he, with the earl of Arundel, were ſent to the Tower, charged with being privy to the duke's practices, as was alſo the lord Dacres, of the North.

Whereupon, the duke of Northumberland and his party, to make the pretended treaſons appear more formidable, with much ſhew and ceremony came into the city, on the 22d of October, and the ſeveral companies of London being commanded to repair to their halls, he acquainted them, that the duke of Somerſet would have taken the Tower, ſeized on the broad ſeal, and have deſtroyed the city, and then to have gone to the Iſle of Wight; all which, was thought very improbable.

On the firſt of December, he was brought to his trial in Weſtminſter-hall, the marquis of Wincheſter (then lord treaſurer of England) ſitting as high-ſteward under a cloth of ſtate, on a bench mounted three degrees; the peers (in number twenty-ſeven) ſitting on a bench one ſtep lower. The charge againſt him conſiſted of five parts: 1. Of raiſing men in the north parts of the realm. 2. Of aſſembling men to kill the duke of Northumberland. 3. Of reſiſting his attachment. 4. Of killing the Gens d'Arms, and raiſing London. And fifthly, of aſſaulting the lords, and deviſing their deaths. To which he pleaded, Not Guilty, and put himſelf upon trial of his peers; denying that he had ever any intent to raiſe men in the north; but on ſome bruits apprehending a fear, he ſent to Sir William Herbert to remain his friend, ſaying, that he never intended to kill the duke of Northumberland, or any other lord, but ſpoke of it only, and determined the contrary. And farther ſaid, that it had been a mad enterprize, with his hundred men to aſſail the Gens d'Arms, conſiſting of nine hundred; when, in caſe he had prevailed, it would nothing have availed the pretended purpoſe: And therefore, that this being ſenſeleſs and abſurd, muſt needs diſcredit other matters, which might otherwiſe have been believed.

Next, that at London, he never projected any ſtir, but ever held it a good place for his ſecurity. And that for having men in his chamber at Greenwich, it was manifeſt, he meant no harm; becauſe, when he might have done it, he did not. Moreover, againſt the perſons of them whoſe examinations were read againſt him, he objected many things, deſiring they might be brought to his face; which, in regard he was a perſon of dignity and eſtate, he deemed to be reaſonable.

The king's learned council pleaded, that ſome of the crimes charged againſt him were treaſon, and others felony: Nevertheleſs, after many varieties in opinion, he was acquitted of treaſon,

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ſon, but by moſt voices found guilty of felony; whereupon, ſentence of death was pronounced on him (*a*).

Thoſe who were preſent at his trial, hearing the lords ſay, not guilty (which was to the treaſon) thinking he was acquitted, and chiefly, for that immediately on thoſe words, the ax of the Tower was taken from before him, teſtified their joy with loud acclamations. And on his paſſing through London (as Hollinſhed relates) ſome huzza'd for joy that he was acquitted, and others cried that he was condemned, and the people murmured againſt the duke of Northumberland, and the other lords who were his enemies.

The duke of Somerſet (ſaith Godwin) having continued two months in priſon, ſince his condemnation; at length, the violence of his enemies, notwithſtanding the king's deſire to ſave his uncle, under whoſe tuition he had paſſed his childhood, drew him to the ſcaffold. On Friday, the 22d of January, as Hollinſhed, and other hiſtorians relate, he was brought out of the Tower, and delivered to the ſheriffs of London. The ſame morning, every houſholder of the city (according to a precept from the council to the lord-mayor) were ſtrictly charged not to ſtir out of their houſes before ten of the clock that day, meaning thereby to reſtrain them from being at his execution, and for fear of a reſcue. Notwithſtanding, by ſeven of the clock, the Tower-hill was covered with people from all parts, and before eight, the duke was brought to the ſcaffold, encloſed with the king's guards, the ſheriffs officers, the warders of the Tower, and near a thouſand men of the liberty of the Tower. On his aſcending the ſcaffold, he changed neither voice or countenance, but kneeling down on both his knees, and lifting up his hands, commended himſelf unto God. After he had ended ſome ſhort prayers, ſtanding up again, and turning himſelf to the eaſt ſide of the ſcaffold, he with great alacrity, and cheerfulneſs of mind and countenance, uttered theſe words to the people.

'Dearly beloved friends, I am brought hither to ſuffer death, 'albeit I never offended againſt the king, neither by word nor 'deed, and have been always as faithful and true unto this realm, 'as any man hath been. But foraſmuch as I am by law con-'demned to die, I do acknowledge my ſelf, as well as others, 'to be ſubject thereunto. Wherefore to teſtify mine obedience 'which I owe unto the laws, I come hither to ſuffer death, 'whereunto I willingly offer my ſelf, with moſt hearty thanks 'unto God, that hath given me this time of repentance, who 'might, thro' ſudden death, have taken away my life, that I 'neither ſhould have acknowledged him nor my ſelf.

'Moreover (dearly beloved friends) there is yet ſomewhat that

(*a*) See his indictment, and the proceedings againſt him, State Tryals, fo. vol. VII. p. 16.

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'I muſt put you in mind of, as touching chriſtian religion, 'which, ſo long as I was in authority, I always diligently ſet 'forth, and furthered to my power. Neither do I repent me of 'my doings, but rejoice therein, ſith now the ſtate of chriſtian 'religion cometh moſt near unto the form and order of the pri-'mitive church. Which thing I eſteem as a great benefit given 'of God, both to you and me, moſt heartily exhorting you all, 'that this which is moſt purely ſet forth, you will with like 'thankfulneſs accept and embrace, and ſet out the ſame in your 'living: Which thing if you do not, without doubt, greater 'miſchief and calamity will follow.'

More he would have ſaid, but a ſtrange tumult and ſudden conſternation of the aſſembly interrupted him, which our hiſtorians differently relate, but (as Hollinſhed gives an account) the duke in the mean time ſtood unmov'd, ſhaking his cap, which he held in his hands, and making ſigns to the people, to keep themſelves quiet. And when they were compoſed, eſpying Sir Anthony Brown riding to the ſcaffold, they conjectured the king had ſent his uncle a pardon; and thereupon caſting up their caps, they cryed, pardon, pardon is come, God ſave the king.

But at length, ſilence being obtained, he ſpoke to them a ſecond time, in this manner:

'Dearly beloved friends, there is no ſuch matter in hand, as 'you vainly hope or believe. It ſeemeth thus good to almighty 'God, whoſe ordinance it is meet and neceſſary that we be all 'obedient unto. Wherefore I pray you all to be quiet, and 'without tumult: for I am even now quiet, and let us join in 'prayer unto the lord, for the preſervation of our noble king, 'unto whoſe majeſty I wiſh continual health, with all felicity 'and abundance, and all manner of proſperous ſucceſs: where-'unto the people cried out, Amen. Moreover, I wiſh unto all 'his counſellors the grace and favour of God, whereby they may 'rule all things uprightly with juſtice, unto whom I exhort you 'all in the Lord, to ſhew yourſelves obedient, the which is alſo 'very neceſſary for you, under the pain of condemnation, and alſo 'moſt profitable for the preſervation and ſafeguard of the king's 'majeſty. And foraſmuch as heretofore I have had oftentimes 'affairs with divers men, and that it is hard to pleaſe every man 'that hath been offended or injured by me, I moſt humbly re-'quire and aſk them forgiveneſs: But eſpecially almighty God, 'whom, throughout all my life, I have moſt grievouſly offended. 'And unto all other, whatſoever they be that have offended me, 'I do with my whole heart forgive them.

'And once again (dearly beloved in the lord) I require that 'you will keep your ſelves quiet and ſtill, leſt, thro' your tu-'mult, you might cauſe me to have ſome trouble, which in this

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'case would nothing at all profit me, neither be any pleasure 'unto you. For albeit the spirit be willing and ready, the flesh 'is frail and wavering, and through your quietness I shall be 'much more the quieter: But if that you will fall into tumult, 'it will be great trouble, and no gain at all unto you. More-'over, I desire you to bear me witness, that I die here in the 'faith of Jesus Christ, desiring you to help me with your prayers, 'that I may persevere constant in the same unto my life's end.'

Then turning himself about, and kneeling down, Doctor Cox (who was present to assist him in his last moments) delivered into his hands a paper, wherein was contained a brief confession to God, which being read, he stood up again on his feet, and bidding the sheriffs, the lieutenant of the Tower, and others on the scaffold farewell, taking them all by the hands, he after gave the executioner money. Then kneeling down in the straw, he untied his shirt-strings, and the executioner coming to him, turned down his collar round about his neck, and made all things ready for his execution. Which being done, he covered his face with his own handkerchief, and laid himself down, shewing no manner of trouble or fear, neither did his countenance change, any other than that just before his eyes were covered, his cheeks had a little more tincture of red than usual.

Thus lying on the block, and waiting for the stroke, his doublet was taken notice of to cover his neck, and thereupon he was desired to rise up and put it off; after which, laying himself down again on the block, and calling thrice, Lord Jesu save me, he was, on the third time of repeating it, in a moment bereft of his life. His head and body were put into a coffin, and carried back to the Tower, and buried on the north side of the choir of St. Peter's.

That his death was generally lamented is manifest, many there were, who kept handkerchiefs dipped in his blood, as so many reliques. Amongst the rest, a sprightly dame, two years after, when the duke of Northumberland was led captive through the city, for his opposition against Queen Mary, run to him in the streets, and shaking out her bloody handkerchief before him, said; *Behold the blood of that worthy man, that good uncle of that excellent king; which was shed by thy treacherous machination, now, at this instant, begins to revenge it self upon thee.*

From what our historians have wrote of his conduct, this may be justly said of him, that he was a pious, just man, and by his influence, the reformation of religion in England did so well proceed in the beginning. Nor did he want true courage and resolution, which was conspicuous on several occasions, before recited; and though it was reputed a weakness in him, in submitting to his enemies, yet in that emergency it may be said, he sa-

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crificed himself, to prevent a civil war, which might have endangered the life of his sovereign, and caused the introducing of popery. And I think, a greater proof can't be given of his concern for his king and country, than that (though some blamed him for it) he did not screen his own brother from justice, when his ambition and evil mind wrought in him those machinations that would have been destructive to both. His frailties, which procured him the ill-will of many of the council, were hastiness and passion, which too often meet in good-nature and generosity, in which he had few equals. He was certainly faithful to his country, studious of its safety and honour, and never entertained hopes prejudicial to either. He was generous, bountiful, and ready to do good offices to all that stood in need; to which purpose he erected an office [master of requests] for the better taking care of poor men's suits *(a)*, and for the more effectual speeding them, without the delays and charges of the law. Secretary Cecil, was the first master thereof, and Sir Thomas Smith, the second; both persons fam'd for their great knowledge and excellent accomplishments, who ow'd their rise principally to the duke's goodness; as did several, whose families are remaining at this day. He suffered with great constancy and firmness of mind, and an entire resignation to the will of God, and charity to all mankind: professing *(b)*, that he had never offended against the king, either by thought, word, or deed, but had alway been as true and faithful to the realm as any man. Bp. Burnet, in his history of the reformation *(c)*, gives him this character: 'Edward, 'duke of Somerset, was a person of great virtues, eminent for 'piety, humble and affable in his greatness, sincere and candid in 'all his transactions. He was a better captain than a counsellor, 'had been oft successful in his undertakings, was always careful of 'the poor and the oppressed; and in a word, had as many virtues 'and as few faults as most great men, especially when they are so 'unexpectedly advanc'd, have ever had.'

This great duke, had two wives. First, Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir William Fillol, of Woodlands, in com. Dorset. Knt. by whom he had issue, a son, Edward, of whom we are now to treat; and by his second wife, Anne, daughter to Sir Edward Stanhope, of Rampton, in com. Nott. Knt. and heir to her mother, Elizabeth, sister to John Bourchier, earl of Bath, and great grand-daughter of William Bourchier, earl of Ewe, in Normandy, by Anne, his wife, daughter and sole heir of Thomas, of Woodstock, duke of Glocester, seventh and youngest son of King Edward III. He had issue, three sons; Edward, afterwards earl of Hertford, ancestor to the present duke of Somerset:

(a) Strype's life of Sir Tho. Smith, p. 40. 1520, and notes on Sir J. H. præd. p. 324 & 5.

(b) Fox's Acts and Mon. ad ann.

(c) Vol. I. Lib. 1. p. 185.

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merſet: Henry, who married Joan, daughter to Thomas, earl of Northumberland; and another Edward: And ſix daughters; Anne, firſt married to John Dudley, (commonly called, earl of Warwick) eldeſt ſon to John, duke of Northumberland; and afterwards to Sir Edward Unton, of Wadley, in com. Oxon. knight of the Bath; Margaret and Jane, who died unmarried; Mary, firſt wedded to Andrew Rogers, eldeſt ſon to Sir Richard Rogers, of Brianſton, in com. Dorſ. Knt. and after, to Sir Henry Peyton, Knt. Catherine, died unmarried, and Elizabeth, who became the ſecond wife to Sir Richard Knightley, of Fawcſley, in com. Northampt. Knt.

Edward Seymour, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon and heir, by the firſt wife, was poſſeſſed of a good eſtate, at Berry-Pomeroy, in Devonſhire, purchaſed by his father of Sir Thomas Pomeroy (*a*). He was with his father in the great battle of Muſcelborough, and for his valour there, received the honour of knighthood. In 1552, he had a grant from King Edward VI. of the lordſhips and manors of Walton, Shedder, and Stowey, the park of Stowey, and the hundred of Water-Stock, with the appurtenances, in the county of Somerſet, lately the poſſeſſions of his father, Edward, duke of of Somerſet. The grant bears date at Ely, the 6th of September, to him and his heirs for ever; and from his father's death to that time, he had no proviſion made for him. He lived retir'd, without any concern in publick affairs, excepting his being ſheriff of the county of Devon, in 25 Elizabeth, and other offices in the country ſuiting his degree. And being an excellent oeconomiſt, he made ſeveral purchaſes, among which was the manor of Maiden-Bradley (*b*), in the reign of Queen Mary; and in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the caſtle and honour of Totneſs, and manor of Totneſs. He married Jane (*c*), daughter of John Walſhe, Eſq; one of the juſtices of the common-pleas, and died on the 6th of May, in 35 Elizabeth, as is evident from the inquiſition taken after his death at Totneſs, on the 20th of September, the ſame year, wherein he has the titles of Edward Seymour, Knt. lord Seymour: and died ſeized of the caſtle and honour of Bury, and Bury-Pomeroy, and Bridgetown, in Pomeroy, with the advowſon of the church of Bury, the caſtle and honour of Totneſs, and manor of Totneſs; the manors of Cornworthy, Lodeſwell, Huiſe, Monnockenzeale, alias, Zeale Monacon; the manors of Loſebear, a fourth part of the hundred of Hayborre, the ſcite of the monaſtery of Torr, and divers other lands in Devonſhire; the manor and lordſhip of Mayden-Bradley, in com. Wilts. and divers other lands; and a capital meſſuage called the lord Cheyne's houſe, within the precincts of the priory of the houſe of Black-Fryers,

(*a*) Riſdon's Devon. p. 203. (*b*) MS. in Bib. Harleyana. Num. 41. A. 21.
(*c*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 22.

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near Ludgate, in the city of London; to all which it was found, that Edward Seymour was his ſon and heir, and at that time thirty years of age and upwards.

Which Edward Seymour, Eſq; whilſt his father was living, was choſen one of the knights for the county of Devon, in 35 Elizabeth *(a)*; and was alſo returned for the ſame county, in 43 Elizabeth, and to the firſt parliament of King James. He was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, June 29, 1611, 9 Jac. I. and in 1570, had to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Champernown, of Dartington, in com. Devon. Knt. by whom he had iſſue, ſeveral ſons and daughters; Edward, John, who married a ſiſter of Sir Nicholas Slanning, Knt. William, and Walter, who both died S. P. and Richard, who married a daughter of Raſhleigh, by whom he had a ſon, Richard, who died unmarried, and two daughters, Amy, and Bridget. The daughters were, Mary, married to Sir George Farewell, of Taunton, in Somerſetſhire, Knt. Elizabeth, to George Cary, of Cokington, in Devon, Eſq; Bridget, to Sir John Bruyn, of Admerſton, in Wilts, Knt. and Amy, to —— Parker, of Burrington, in Devon, Eſq; *(b)*.

The ſaid Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. died on the 11th of April, 1613, and was buried from Berry-Pomeroy caſtle, on Thurſday the 27th of May, 1613, with great ſolemnity, the principal gentlemen of the county attending. To whom ſucceeded in title and eſtate, Edward, his eldeſt ſon.

This Edward, was knighted at Greenwich, the 22d of May, 1603, and was ſent by King James I. *(c)* on an embaſſy to the king of Denmark. He was elected one of the knights for Devonſhire, in two parliaments, in the reign of King James I. and for Kellington, and Totneſs, in two other parliaments *(d)*, whereof the laſt met at Weſtminſter, the 6th of February, 1625, by the appointment of King Charles I. but, on the diſſolution thereof, being in an advanced age, he liv'd retir'd at the caſtle of Bury-Pomeroy, which he made a ſtately houſe: This ſeat had a fine proſpect, being ſituate on a rock, on a riſing ground, from the eaſt and north, over a pleaſant rivulet, running through a deer-park *(e)* which emptied itſelf into the Hemms, at Little-Hemſton; as that doth into the Dart, half a mile from Totneſs, and the pariſh of Berry, conjoins to that of Totneſs, by a fair bridge of about eight arches, ſtanding over the river dart.

This caſtle of Berry, the ancient ſeat of the Pomeroys, was a great and noble ſtructure, but in thoſe times of confuſion, during the civil wars in the reign of King Charles I. was demoliſhed, and now lies in ruins. The additions this Sir Edward Seymour made thereto,

(a) Willis's Notit. Par. vol. I. p. 254. *(b)* Le Neve's MS. vol. I. p. 23. *(c)* Ex Inſtr. Dom. Edw. Seymour, Bar. *(d)* Willis's Notitia Par. p. 175, 254, & 284. *(e)* Prince's Worthies of Devon. p. 489.

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thereto, is, by Mr. Prince, in his Worthies of Devon, (who relates that upwards of 20000l. were beſtowed thereon) thus ſet forth: 'Before the door of the great hall was a noble walk, in 'length the breadth of the court, arch'd over with curiouſly 'carv'd freeſtone, ſupported in the ſame part by ſeveral ſtately 'pillars of the ſame ſtone, of great dimenſions, after the Corin-'thian order, ſtanding on pedeſtals, having cornices or friezes 'finely wrought; behind which were placed in the wall, ſeve-'ral ſeats of frieze-ſtone, alſo cut into the form of an eſcallop-'ſhell, in which the company, when weary, might repoſe them-'ſelves. The apartments within were very ſplendid, eſpecially 'the dining-room, which was adorn'd, beſides paint, with ſta-'tues and figures cut in alabaſter, with admirable art and labour; 'but the chimney-piece of poliſh'd marble, curiouſly engraven, 'was of great coſt and value. Many other of the rooms were 'well adorn'd with mouldings and fret-work; and ſome marble 'clavils were ſo delicately fine, that they would reflect an object 'true and lively from a great diſtance. In ſhort, the number 'of the apartments of the whole, may be collected hence, if re-'port be true, that it was a good day's work for a ſervant but to 'open and ſhut the caſements belonging to them.'

At this ſeat, the ſaid Sir Edward Seymour died, about the year 1641, very much lamented, having, by an obliging temper, attracted the love of his country; and, by a prudent management, gain'd the character of a perſon of honour, conduct, and experience. He had, by Dorothy his lady, daughter of Sir Henry Killigrew, of Larock, in Cornwall, Knt. ſix ſons, and five daughters; Elizabeth, was firſt married to Francis Courtenay, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir William Courtenay, of Powderam, in com. Devon. Knt. ſecondly to Sir Amos Meredith, of Aſhley, in Cheſhire, Bar. of N. S. ———, married Sir Thomas Hall, of Wiltſhire, Knt. Mary, was wedded to Sir Jonathan Trelawney, Bart. father of the late biſhop of Wincheſter; Margaret, was eſpouſed to Francis Trelawney, Eſq; brother to the ſaid Sir Jonathan; And Anne, was wife to Dr. Stourton.

Of the ſons, Sir Edward, the eldeſt, will be mentioned hereafter; Henry, ſecond ſon, born in the year 1612, was a gentleman valued and eſteem'd by perſons of the greateſt note, in the reigns of King Charles I. and II. He was, in his youth, page of honour to King Charles I. and, on the breaking out of the civil wars, went with the marqueſs of Hertford, into Somerſetſhire, and was with that noble peer at Sherburn *(a)*, who, with only two troops of horſe, and 400 foot, they couragiouſly withſtood the whole force of the earl of Bedford, conſiſting of above 7000 foot, beſides horſe, with canon, &c. and the marqueſs ſending the

(a) Clarendon's Hiſt, 8vo. vol. II. p. 6 & 19.

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the earl of Bedford a challenge, Mr. Seymour was (a) chose to carry it. His behaviour, in all respects, won him the esteem of the whole court; so that when it was thought necessary for the prince of Wales, afterwards King Charles II. to have servants peculiar to himself; he was then nominated one of the grooms of the bedchamber.

When all was lost in England, he went with his royal master abroad, and was entrusted with the last letter and message that the prince (b) sent to his father, under confinement by the rebels, (dated from the Hague, 23 Jan. 1648) and delivering it the 27th of the same month, in the evening of that day the sentence of death was passed on his majesty, was, on that melancholly occasion, in the deepest sorrow. He kissed the king's hands (c), clasp'd about his legs, and mourn'd in a most lamentable manner, wherewith his majesty was very much affected; who, after reading the sorrowful letter he brought, and heard what he had to say, imparted to him his answer, the last he sent the prince. He afterwards attended King Charles II. into Scotland, and was one of the few English servants permitted to be near his person: Also when the king got safe to Paris, after the battle of Worcester, Mr. Seymour, was one of the first his majesty took notice of there, and was sent to the earl of Clarendon, at Bruffels, to require his attendance, when all his other servants were order'd not to repair to him till farther orders. His courage and integrity were so well known and approved, that he was employed in negociations between his majesty, and his friends in England, in those perilous times, during the king's exile, and trusted by the marquess of Hertford, the earl of Southampton, and others of honour and note, with their secret correspondence, as a person whom they knew, (as my lord (d) Clarendon relates) the king and council would believe.

In the year 1660, he was chosen (tho' abroad) a member for Eastlow, in the parliament that brought about the restoration of the royal family, and continually serv'd for that borough till the time of his death. The king, as a reward for his faithful services, besides continuing him in his post of groom of the bedchamber, constituted him comptroller of the customs (e), during his own life, and that of his brother, John Seymour, Esq; and also gave him a patent of clerk of the hanaper, for three lives, and when one of them dropp'd, he got the patent renew'd. He came to reside at Langley, in com. Bucks, (near Windsor) in the year 1666, renting the house (f) and park, of the trustees of Sir William

(a) Clarendon, vol. II. p. 329. (b) Wood's Athenæ Oxonienses, vol. II. p. 699. Edit. 1721. (c) Wood. Athenæ Oxon. præd. (d) Hist. Rebellion, 8vo. vol. VI. p. 522. (e) Ex Inform. Dom. Henry Seymour, de Langley, Bar. (f) Ex Informa. ——— Daw de Langley.

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William Parſons, (then deceas'd) and about the year 1669, purchaſed the ſaid eſtate, and got a grant from the king of the manor of Langley, under a reſerv'd rent of 43l. 8s. 10d. per ann. At this ſeat he had the comfort of living in eaſe and quiet the latter part of his life, in the general eſteem of all that knew him, being a gentleman of great honour, generoſity, affability, and charity. He built and endow'd, in his life-time, an alms-houſe at Langley, for ſix poor decay'd people; and by his laſt will and teſtament, gave 400l. to put out poor boys apprentices, beſides other charitable legacies to particular perſons.

He died the 9th of March, 1686, in the 74th year of his age, and was buried the 18th following, in the vault, adjoining to the pariſh-church of Langley. He took to wife, firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Joſeph Killigrew, Knt. and widow of William Baſſet, of Claverton, in com. Somerſ. Eſq; and ſhe dying without iſſue, in June 1671; he married, ſecondly, Urſula, daughter of Sir Robert Auſten, of Bexley, in Kent, Bart. and widow of George Stawel, of Cotherſton, in Somerſetſhire, Eſq; brother to Ralph, lord Stawel. She bore to him an only ſon, Henry, born the 20th of October, 1674, who, at ſeven years of age, in conſideration of his fathers approv'd loyalty and ſervices, (and while he was living) was, by King Charles II. created a baronet, by letters patents dated the 4th of July, 1681, and to his heirs male, remainder to the ſaid Henry, the father, and his heirs male.

Which Sir Henry Seymour, Bart. after the advantage of a learned education at home, travelled abroad for his farther improvement; and, on his return, was elected to parliament for the borough of Eaſtlow, in 10 William III. *(a)* as alſo to ſix other parliaments, till the time of his death.

In the year 1710, he was prevailed on to ſtand for knight of the ſhire for the county of Bucks, in which numerous election, tho' the firſt time of his appearing, he loſt it only by a few votes, [under twenty] and that was owing, as 'tis ſaid, to the nicety of his honour, in making all his friends vote for his collegue, when the like care was not taken to do him the ſame juſtice. He died at London, in the year 1714, unmarried, and was buried by his father, at Langley; and leaving no will, his perſonal eſtate (that was very conſiderable) fell to his ſiſter; and the inheritance at Langley devolved on the preſent Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. as heir-male, who ſold it to the lord Maſham, who has ſold it again, to his grace the duke Marlborough.

The other ſons of Sir Edward, were, 3. Thomas Seymour, Eſq; who married Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Anderſon, of Penley, in Hertfordſhire, Knt. and left iſſue Edward, clerk of the hanaper,

(a) Willis's Not. Parl. vol. II. p. 105.

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hanaper, 1695, (father of two ſons; 1. Henry Seymour, who married a daughter of J. Tregonwell, Eſq; and 2. Edward; alſo of three daughters; the eldeſt married Sir Thomas Fotherby, Knt. Anne, and Elizabeth.) 4. John (*a*), and 5. Robert Seymour, who both died without iſſue; and 6. Sir Joſeph Seymour, Knt. living 1695, who married Bridget, another daughter of Sir Richard Anderſon, of Penley, Knt. and had iſſue, Henry, and Anne.

I now return to Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. (eldeſt ſon of Sir Edward Seymour, Knt. and Bart.) Which Sir Edward, born in the year 1611, was elected one of the knights for Devonſhire, during the life of his father, in the two laſt parliaments (*b*) called by king Charles I. and adhering to his ſovereign in the times of the rebellion, had his houſe at Berry-caſtle, in Devon, plunder'd and burnt, and was obliged to pay 1200l. compoſition for his eſtate (*c*). He ſate at Oxford, among thoſe members the king conven'd, in the year 1643; and ſhewing a ready concurrence in the meaſures for eſtabliſhing monarchy and epiſcopacy, he endured many hardſhips, till ſuch time as the conſtitution was reſtor'd by the eſtabliſhment of King Charles II. on the throne of his anceſtors. He was vice-admiral of the county of Devon (*d*), and a member of all parliaments in the reigns of King Charles II. and King James II. being elected thereto for the borough of Totneſs. And departing this life about the year 1689, had ſepulture at Berry-Pomeroy, leaving iſſue by Anne, his wife, daughter to Sir John Portman, Bart. (who ſurvived him ſix years, and was interr'd by her huſband,) a daughter, Elizabeth, wedded to Sir Joſeph Tredenham, of Tregony, in Cornwall, Knt. and five ſons; Sir Edward, his ſucceſſor; John, a colonel in the army, who married a daughter of Sir Richard Kenneday; Hugh, captain of the reſolution-frigate, and killed in the Dutch wars; William, fourth ſon, who died unmarried; Henry Seymour, Eſq; fifth ſon, heir to his uncle, Sir William Portman, Bart. whereby he poſſeſſed the large inheritance of the Portmans, at Orchard-Portman, in Somerſetſhire, &c. and aſſum'd the name and arms of Portman, by act of parliament, purſuant to a ſettlement of the ſaid Sir William. He married two wives; 1. Penelope, youngeſt daughter of Sir William Haſlewood, of Maidwell, in com. Northampton. Knt. and coheir to her brother, Peter Haſlewood, of Maidwell, Eſq; (the other ſiſter being wife to the lord viſcount Hatton (*e*).) His ſecond wife was Millicent, daughter of William Fitch, of High-hall, in Dorſetſhire, Eſq; by neither of which he had any iſſue, and died Feb. 172$\frac{7}{8}$. His relict afterwards married Thomas Fownes, of Dorſetſhire, Eſq;

Sir

(*a*) Le Neve's MS. vol. I. p. 22. (*b*) Willis's Not. Par. p. 254. (*c*) See the liſt of thoſe that compounded for their eſtates, in letter S. (*d*) Ex infor. Dom. Edw. Seymour, Bar. (*e*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 43.

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Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. fifth of that name in lineal succeſſion, and eldeſt ſon of the laſt Sir Edward, made a conſiderable figure both in court and the houſe of commons, in four ſeveral reigns. He conſtantly ſerv'd in parliament, after his firſt election, to the time of his death, for the city of Exeter, and Totneſs, and once for the county of Devon, and hardly any was better heard, or brought more over to his opinion than he did. To him was owing that valuable act for the ſecurity of the ſubject, *The Habeas Corpus Act*. In the year 1667, he promoted the impeachment of the earl of Clarendon, and was the firſt that motion'd it, and carried it up to the lords. On 25 Feb. 1672, he was unanimouſly choſen ſpeaker of that call'd the long parliament; and the 9th of April following, was ſworn of the privy-council, and ſoon after made treaſurer of the navy. The 6th of March, 1679, he was again elected ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, at which time he was of the privy-council, and treaſurer of the navy; yet the king refus'd his approbation, notwithſtanding the commons made three repreſentations in his favour; which occaſioned their prorogation to the 15th, when they elected ſerjeant Gregory. The next year they were ſo diſguſted at his behaviour, that they carried an impeachment againſt him, and a motion was made to remove him from his majeſty's council and preſence for ever; but that was dropp'd, and no articles were ever exhibited againſt him (*a*).

When King James II. aſcended the throne, he was a ſedulous oppoſer of Monmouth, and his adherents; and afterwards no leſs warm in oppoſing arbitrary power and a ſtanding army. He was one of the firſt gentlemen in the weſt of England, that went in to the prince of Orange, anno 1688; and the aſſociation that follow'd, was owing to his propoſal. In the convention-parliament at the revolution, he oppos'd the declaring the prince of Orange, king of England; nevertheleſs, on the firſt of March, 1691, he was ſworn of the privy-council, and conſtituted one of the lords of the treaſury, in which he continued about two years; and on his reſignation, had afterwards no employment during that reign. On the acceſſion of her majeſty Queen Anne, he was again admitted of the privy-council, and conſtituted comptroller of her houſhold; and had an offer of a patent for a baron of the realm, which he declin'd, and got it conferr'd on Francis, the eldeſt ſurviving ſon of his ſecond marriage: being warm in his adherence to thoſe ſtiled the church party, and ſtickling for paſſing the bill to prevent occaſional conformity, he continued but two years in his poſt of comptroller of the houſhold, and afterwards conſtantly oppos'd the meaſures of the court. He was endow'd with great natural parts, which, together with his long ex-

(*a*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 373.

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experience in parliamentary affairs, gain'd him the first place among the leading members of his party, by whom his death was much regretted. He died on the 17th of February, 1707, in the 76th year of his age, and was buried at Maiden-Bradley, in Wiltshire, where, on a beautiful monument erected to his memory, is the following inscription:

Under this Marble are deposited the Remains
Of Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. late
Of Bury-Pomeroy, in the County of
Devon, and of this Place.
A Man of such Endowments
As added lustre to his noble Ancestry,
Commanded Reverence from his Cotemporaries,
And stands the fairest Pattern to Posterity:
Being often call'd to Council, and always chosen in Parliament.
(A Friend to his Prince, a Servant to his Country)
He advised the King with Freedom,
The Senate with Dignity;
That Senate, the Bulwark of the English Liberty,
In which he presided for several Years,
Found his Eloquence an Advocate,
His Integrity a Guardian,
His Vigour a Champion for its Privileges:
Nor can any Englishman rejoice
In that envied Portion of his Birth-Right,
The HABEAS CORPUS Act,
Without Gratitude to the Ashes of his Patriot,
Under whose Influence
It became his Heritage.
Born in the Year 1633.
His Childhood felt not the Calamities
Which in the succeeding Years,
The Spirit of Anarchy and Schism
Spread over the Nation:
His Manhood saw the Church and Monarchy restor'd,
And he liv'd in dutiful Obedience to both:
Loaden with Honour, full of Years,
(Amidst the Triumphs of his Country)
Rais'd to the highest Point of Glory
By that immortal Princess, Queen Anne,
He died
In the Year
1707.
Francis Seymour, Esq; in just Veneration
For the Memory of his Illustrious Grandfather,
And in due Obedience to the last Will and Testament
Of Lieutenant-General William Seymour,
Second Son to the deceased Sir Edward,
Hath caused this Monument
To be erected,
1730.

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He married to his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheir to Sir William Wale, Knt. alderman of the city of London, by whom he had two sons, Sir Edward Seymour, his successor in the title and estate, of whom hereafter; and William Seymour, Esq; general of the marines, lieutenant of the band of gentlemen-pensioners, and lieutenant-general of the armies of Queen Anne, who died without issue. And taking to his second wife, Letitia, daughter to Francis Popham, of Littlecote, in the county of Wilts, Esq; by her (who died on the 16th of March, 1728-9,) had six sons, and a daughter, Anne, married to William Berkley, of Pill, in com. Somers. Esq; father of Henry-William (Berkley) Portman, Esq; one of the knights of the shire in the present parliament for the county of Somerset.

The sons were, 1. Popham-Conway, killed in a duel by colonel Kirk; 2. Francis, who, after the death of his brother Popham, took the surname, and bore the arms of Conway, being heir by adoption to the estate of Edward, earl of Conway, which, on the decease of the countess of Mulgrave, widow of the said earl, he accordingly enjoy'd, and was, by the intercession of his father, Sir Edward Seymour, Bart. created a peer of this kingdom, by the title of baron Conway, of Ragley, in com. Warw. as also a peer of the kingdom of Ireland, by the title of baron Conway, of Killultagh, in the county of Antrim, in Ireland, by letters patent bearing date the 17 March, 1702-3, 2. Q. Anne, and was father of the present lord Conway; 3. Charles, to whom the barony of Conway, was limited; 4 Henry, who died unmarried; 5. Alexander; 6. John, who died young.

Sir Edward Seymour, the eldest son by the first marriage, who succeeded to the title and estate, serv'd in parliament in Q. Anne's reign, for Totnes, and Great-Bedwin; and marrying Letitia, sole daughter to Sir Francis Popham, of Littlecote, in Wilts, knight of the Bath, had issue four sons, and six daughters; 1. Sir Edward, the present baronet; 2. Francis Seymour, of Sherborn, in Dorsetshire, Esq; who married Elizabeth, lady viscountess Hinchingbroke, relict of Edward, lord viscount Hinchingbroke, and only daughter of Alexander Popham, of Littlecote, Esq; and hath one son, Henry, and a daughter; and was member in the last parliament but one for Great-Bedwin, and in the last, for Marlborough, in Wilts; 3. Alexander, who died unmarried, April, 1731; 4. William Seymour, of Knoyle, in Wilts, Esq; who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Mr. Hippye, of Froome, in Somersetshire: of the eight daughters, Letitia, married Mr. Gapper; Margaret, to Richard Jones, of Ramsbury manor, Esq; Elizabeth, to Henry Hungerford, Esq; Anne, to William Scroggs, of Chute-forest, Esq; Hellena, died unmarried; Mary, married to the rev. Mr. Hammond; Jane, married to William Coleman, of Gornhey, in Devonshire, Esq; and Catherine, married to Philip Fuhr, Esq; of Bristol, Hamburgh merchant. Sir Edward, died Jan. 1740-1, aged eighty, and was succeeded in honour and estate by his eldest son, Sir

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Sir Edward Seymour, the preſent baronet, who was elected one of the repreſentatives for the city of Sarum, in the preſent parliament, who married Mary, ſole daughter and heir of Daniel Webb, of Monckton-Farleigh, in Wilts, Eſq; (and alſo neice and heir of her uncle, Edward Somner, of Seend, in Wilts, Eſq;) by whom he hath iſſue four ſons, 1. Edward; 2. Webb, who inherits his grandfather's eſtate, at Monckton-Farleigh; 3. William; and 4. Francis; and one daughter, Mary.

ARMS: Gules, two Wings conjoin'd in Lure, Tips downwards, Or. Tho' this family now generally bear, quarterly, 1, and 4, Or, on a Pile, Gules, between ſix Fleur-de-lis, Azure, three Lions of England; (being an augmentation granted by K. Hen. VIII. on his marriage with the lady Jane Seymour.) 2, and 3, the paternal coat of Seymour, viz. Gules, two Wings conjoin'd in Lure, Tips downwards, Or.

CREST: Out of a ducal Coronet, Or, a Phœnix in Flames, proper; in memory of King Edward VI.

SEATS: At *Bury*, or *Berry-Pomeroy*, near *Totneſs*, in *Devonſhire*; and at *Maiden-Bradley*, in *Wiltſhire*.

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10. COPE, of Hanwell, Oxfordſhire.

(Sir ANTHONY, KNIGHT,) Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS ancient family deſcends from John Cope, Eſq; a very eminent perſon in the reigns of K. Rich. II. and Hen. IV. The former King, in the twenty-ſecond year of his reign, grants in fee to his truſty and well-beloved ſervant, John Cope, Eſq; the ſcite and manor of Denſhanger (*a*), in com. Northamp. and divers other lands and rents in Wickden, Wickhamman, Peſenham, Stony-Stratford, Pokeſley, Witefield, and Moghemoncotes. Which manor of Denſhanger, K. Hen. IV. confirmed to him, in the firſt year of his reign, to hold by the fourth part of a knight's fee (*b*); and four years after, grants unto John Cope, (his eſquire and beloved ſervant) for reward of his good and faithful ſervice (*c*), the manor of Weſtbury, in com. Bucks, of the value of twenty marks a year, forfeited by the attainder of Sir Thomas Shelley, Knt. He was elected one of the knights of the ſhire for Northampton (*d*), in all the parliaments from the firſt to the ninth year of K. H. IV. and dying 2 H. V. (*e*) was ſucceeded by John Cope, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who had iſſue, Alexander Cope, of Denſhanger, Eſq; father (*f*) to William Cope, Eſq; who was in great eſteem and favour with K. Hen. VII.

Which William, had a grant from the crown, (7 Mail, 13 Hen. VII.) when he was cofferer of the houſhold to the King (*g*), of

(*a*) Ex autog. penes Dom. Joh. Cope, Bar. (*b*) Patt. 1 Hen. IV. p. 1. M. 24. (*c*) Ex Autog. præd. (*d*) Pryn's Brief Regiſt. vol. IV. de iiſd. Ann. (*e*) Vide Eſch. 2 Hen. V. (*f*) Ex ſtemmate penes Dom. Joh. Cope, Bar. (*g*) Dugdale's Warw. p. 155.

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of the lordſhips and manors of Wormleighton, and Fenny-Compton, in Warwickſhire; (part of the inheritance of Sir Simon Mountfort, Knt. attainted 10 Henry VII.) to be held in ſoccage, paying twenty marks per ann. into the exchequer; which lordſhips he kept till 22 Henry VII. when he ſold them to John Spencer, Eſq; (anceſtor to the preſent duke of Marlbrough) having purchaſed the manor of Hanwell, and a good eſtate, in Oxfordſhire. He died, April 7, 1513, in the fifth year of the reign of King Henry VIII. and had ſepulture in the church of Banbury, as appears by this memorial on his monument.

> Orate pro Anima Willielmi Cope, Armigeri Cofferarii Hoſpitii Excellentiſſimi Regis Henrici Septimi qui obiit *.* * * Aprilis, 1513. & Jana Uxor ejus, obiit 12 Februarii 1525.

He left the paternal coat of his family, (which was on a *Feſs Argent, a Boar paſſant, Sable*) and us'd ſometime *Argent, three Coffers, Sable*, as a badge of his office; but afterwards he had aſſign'd to him, *Argent, on a Cheveron Azure, between three red Roſes ſlipt proper, as many Fleurs de Lis, Or*, alluding to the royal badges of the crown; which the family now bear. He married two wives, and had iſſue by both of them.

By his firſt wife, he had iſſue

Stephen Cope, Eſq; ſerjeant of the poultry to the houſhold of King Henry VIII. who married Anne, daughter and coheir of William Saunders, of Oxfordſhire, from whom the family at Bedhampton, in Hampſhire, deſcended, that extinguiſh'd in daughters. And,

By his ſecond wife, Jane, daughter of John Spencer, of Hodnell, in com. Warw. Eſq; ſiſter and heir of Thomas Spencer, of Hodnell, Eſq; that died without iſſue, (and heir to her mother, Anne, ſiſter and coheir to Sir Richard Empſon, Knt.) he had three ſons; Anthony, hereafter mention'd; William, who died unmarried, and John, who was knighted, and ſeated at Copes-Aſhby, in com. Northton. before called Canons-Aſhby; upon the diſſolution of the monaſteries, 29 Henry VIII. whatever the monks had enjoy'd in Canons-Aſhby, except the rectory, was granted to Sir Francis Bryan, and from him paſſed to Sir John Cope (*a*), from whom the lordſhip had the name of Copes-Aſhby; and in the fourth year of Edw. VI. the rectory was granted to (*b*) Sir John Cope, and Sir Walter Moyle. Sir John Cope, had alſo granted him by King Henry VIII. in the thirty-ſecond year of his reign, the manor of (*c*) Eydon in com. Northton.

Sir

(*a*) Bridges's Northamptonſhire, p. 146. (*b*) Ibid. p. 150. (*c*) Ibid. p. 130.

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Sir John Cope, Knt. married three wives; 1. Bridget, daughter of Edward Raleigh, of Farnborough, in com. Warw. Esq; 2. Margery, daughter of —— Mallory; 3. Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund Tame, Knt. by the two last he had no issue; but by the first, three sons, and two daughters; 1. Erasmus, who married Mary, daughter of John Heneage, of Towse, in Lincolnshire, Esq; by whom he had one son, Edward, and died in the life-time of his father. 2. George, who married Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Thomas Spencer, of Everdon, in com. Northton. Esq; (*a*): (She surviving him, married secondly, Gabriel Pulteney, of Misterton, in Leicestershire, Esq;) and 3. Anthony (*b*). The daughters were, Elizabeth, married to John Dryden, Esq; and Joane, married to Stephen Boyle, of Kentishtown, in Middlesex, but died without issue. Sir John, died seized of all the monks possessions, in Canons, or Copes-Ashby, in the fifth year of Q. Mary, and Edward, his grandson, succeeded to part of that estate, and the rest devolv'd upon Mr. Dryden, in right of Elizabeth, his wife (*c*).

This Edward, was under age at the time of his grandfather's decease; but in the fourteenth year of Q. Elizabeth, had livery of his estate at Eydon, which he is said to have held of the queen, in capite, by knights service (*d*). He having received the honour of knighthood, died in the eighteenth year of King James I. He married first, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Christopher Yelverton, of Easton-Mauduit, in Northamptonshire, Knt. (*e*) one of the judges of the king's bench; and secondly, Catherine, daughter of Sir Edward Aston, of Tixhall, in Staffordshire, Knt. relict, first of Stephen Slaney, of London, Esq; and secondly, of Sir William Chetwynd, of Ingestree, in Staffordshire, Knt. This last lady, died in 1646 (*f*), and was interr'd in the church of St. Giles's in the Fields, Middlesex, to which she was a benefactress, and her arms impaled with those of her three husbands, were in the windows of that church, before it was rebuilt. Sir Edward, left the manor of Eydon, to Erasmus, his son and heir; of whom we find no more, only that from the family of Cope, the manor passed to John Browne, Esq; clerk of the parliament in the reign of King Charles II. who having issue only one daughter, Martha, the wife of Sir Roger Cave, of Stanford, Bart. upon his decease, it descended to her and her heirs (*g*).

Anthony

(*a*) Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 56. (*b*) Mr. Bridges, in his History of Northamptonshire, p. 146. says, that George and Anthony, the two youngest, died without children, tho' other pedigrees, make George to die 1572, and to leave three sons; George, who died S. P. John, and Erasmus; and a daughter, Dorothy, married to —— Kenton, of Northamptonshire. (*c*) Bridges, ibid. p. 146. (*d*) Ibid. p. 130. (*e*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. III. p. 700. (*f*) Stow's Survey of London, edit. 1720, vol. II. B. 4. p. 80. (*g*) Bridges's Northamptonshire, p. 131.

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Anthony, (eldeſt ſon and heir of William Cope, Eſq; the cofferer, by his ſecond wife,) had the eſtate at Hanwell, in Oxfordſhire; was bred in Oriel college, and having excellent parts, improv'd and cultivated by a learned education, was ſoon diſtinguiſh'd among his neighbours, and eſteem'd by the moſt learned men of that age, both at home and abroad. His appetite after knowledge was not confin'd to his own country only, but by travelling into France, Germany, Italy, and other parts of Europe, viſiting the univerſities, he ſought the acquaintance of the moſt conſiderable perſons abroad fam'd for learning, contracted an intimacy with many of them, and wrote ſeveral things whilſt beyond the ſeas, as well as at home; which appears from ſeveral authors (*a*), and from an epigram in his praiſe, written by John Bapt. Mantuan. He was vice-chamberlain to Q. Catherine, wife of King Henry VIII. and after the diſſolution of Broke-priory, in com. Rutland. which happened with the other leſſer monaſteries, temp. Henry VIII. That king granted to Anthony Cope, Eſq; (*b*), the late priory of Canons, of the bleſſed Virgin Mary, of Broke, in Broke, in the county of Rutland; as alſo the manor of Broke, with the appurtenances, in the ſaid county of Rutland, to hold, in capite, by knight's ſervice, reſerving out of the premiſes, the yearly rent of 41. 13. 11d. payable at Michaelmas, which grant bears date the 9th of Sept. in the 28th of Henry VIII. In the ſecond year of Edward VI. Sir Anthony Cope, Knt. obtained licence of the king to alienate the ſaid manor of Broke, in com. Rutland. to Andrew Noel, Eſq; and his heirs for ever. He had the honour of being made one of the knights of the carpet (*c*), in 1 Edw. VI. was high ſheriff of Oxfordſhire and Berks (*d*), 2 Edward VI. and was buried in the chancel of the church of Hanwell, four years after, anno 1551, leaving by Jane his wife, daughter of Matthew Crew, of Pynne, a ſon named Edward, heir to his eſtate; and a daughter, Anne, wife to Sir Kenelm Digby, of Stoke-Dry, in com. Rutl. Knt. (*e*)

Which Edward, marrying Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Walter Mohun, of Wollaſton, in com. Northamp. Eſq; (who ſurviv'd him, and afterwards marry'd George Carleton, of Walton upon Thames, in Surry, Eſq; ſecond ſon of John Carleton, of Baldwin-Brightwell, in com. Oxon. Eſq;) had iſſue, beſides daughters, two ſons, Anthony, and Walter, who was of Kenſington, and knighted, and was maſter of the court of wards in the reign of King James I. and one of the chamberlains of the exchequer (*f*) by patent, dated 1 July, 6 James I. He left a great eſtate to

(*a*) Wood's Athen. Oxon. vol. I. p. 79. (*b*) Wright's Rutlandſhire, p. 27.
(*c*) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott. (*d*) Fuller's Worthies, p. 106. in Berks.
(*e*) Wright's Rutland. p. 115. (*f*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 24.

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his ſole daughter (*a*) and heir, Iſabel, married to Henry Rich, earl of Holland, (great grandfather to Edward, the preſent earl of Warwick and Holland.) My lord Clarendon, ſpeaking of this earl of Holland, ſays (*b*), He was a great favourite of the duke of Buckingham's, he firſt preferr'd him to a wife, the daughter and heir of Cope, by whom he had a good fortune; and amongſt other things, the manor and ſeat of Kenſington; of which he was ſhortly after made baron.

Anthony Cope, Eſq; (eldeſt brother to this Sir Walter) ſucceeded his father in the eſtate at Hanwell; was high ſheriff (*c*) of Oxfordſhire in the twenty-fourth and thirty-third years of Queen Elizabeth; received from her the honour of knighthood; and, in his own country, was one of the ſuperior rank in all publick employments, and ſerv'd for the borough of Banbury in five ſeveral parliaments during her reign (*d*). He had, by many worthy acts, acquired much reputation, and the eſteem of all that knew him; and no doubt, his character and intereſt in the country induc'd King James to appoint him his firſt high (*e*) ſheriff of Oxfordſhire, after his acceſſion to the crown. That prince likewiſe knighted his eldeſt ſon, William, among the firſt he conferr'd that honour upon; and when he erected the degree of baronets, advanced this Sir Anthony, to that dignity, (by letters patents, bearing date 29 June, 1611.) He kept an hoſpitable houſe in the old engliſh way, and integrity and virtue ſhin'd in all he did. Deſiring retirement in the latter part of his life, he recommended to his countrymen his eldeſt ſon, Sir William Cope, for their knight of the ſhire in parliament, and they manifeſted their love, by chuſing him in the three laſt parliaments of king James I. He died, full of honour, in the ſixty-ſixth year of his age, A. D. 1615, and was buried in the chancel of the church of Hanwell, under a fair marble tomb, againſt the north wall, where is the figure of a knight in full proport on, lying on his back, with his wife by him; at his feet his creſt, viz. a *Fleur-de-lis*, with a *Dragon's Head iſſuing out of the top*; at her feet a *Bird*, *with Wings diſplay'd*; and over all, this inſcription:

(*f*) Hic jacet Sepultus Vir vere nobilis Antonius Cope, Miles & Baronettus, qui obiit poſtquam conjugium cum duabus Nobiliſſimis Uxoribus Sanctiſſime coluerat, & ex earum altera Septem filios & tres filias ſuſceperat, Anno ſalutis quidem noſtræ, 1615, Ætatis vero ſuæ 66.

Epicedion

(*a*) Mr. Le Neve in his Monumenta Anglicana, vol. I. p. 94, in the inſcription upon Sir Thomas Fowler, of Iſlington, ſays, Sir Thomas Fowler, Knt. married (ſecondly) Dorothy, *widow* of Sir Walter Cope, of Kenſington, Knt. But in Stow's Survey of London. vol. II. appendix, 133, he ſays, Sir Thomas Fowler, of Iſlington, Knt. married Dorothy, the *daughter* of Sir Walter Cope, of Kenſington, Knt. and had by her no iſſue. This laſt I take to be a miſtake, and Le Neve right; for it appears, that all Sir Walter's eſtate went with Iſabel, his ſole daughter and heir. (*b*) Octavo edit. vol. I. p. 63.
(*c*) Fuller's Worthies in Oxfordſhire, p. 344. (*d*) Ex Coll. B. Willis Arm.
(*e*) Fuller, ibid. (*f*) Ex MSS. Collect. R. Rawlinſon, A. M. è Coll. Div. J. Bapt.

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Epicedion Honoratiſſimi viri A. C. olim
Militis & Baronetti
In Effigiem

Siccine divinum Heroa repones?
Effigies vultûs ficcine & Ora refers?
Siccine deformis tibi truncus, inutilis excors?
Siccine ſondebat, quem pia turba ſtupet?
Aſt fallor prudenter agis, dum nocte recondis
Diſcere quæ nequeunt marmora, Muſa, dies.
At licet illius non ſis præconia fando
Finge tamen vocem, & ultima verba refer.

Effigies ad Lectorem.

Quæ te fata manent, ex me vel diſce viator
Quo nemo a fatis tutior eſſe poteſt
Eſt formoſa tibi conjunx, numeroſaque proles
Eſt domus & fundus, gloria, forma, decus.
Corporis ac animi dotes prudenſque piuſque
Siccus eram & ſanus (ſi qua fides populo
Nam mea me memorare piget) mors illa moratur
Nil minus ergo etiam te tua fata manent
Serius aut citius mors ultima linea rerum
Marmore te condet, ceſpitibuſque teget.

Concluſio.

Quod mors una docet dixi dehinc cætera mitto
Una reſurgendi ſpeſque fideſque manet
Una ſalus Chriſtus, deus & pater unus & una
Urna domus præſens, una futura polus
R. H. (*i. e.* Rob. Harris, Rector hujus Eccleſiæ) æternæ
Memoriæ
Summi viri D. D.

This Sir Anthony Cope, Bart. by Frances his firſt wife, daughter of Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth (*a*), in com. Hertf. Knt. (by Anne, his ſecond wife, daughter of George Carleton, of Brightwell, in com. Oxon. Eſq;) had three daughters; Anne, married to Sir John Leigh, Knt. (anceſtor to the preſent lord Leigh, of Stonley) (*b*); Elizabeth, to Sir Richard Cecil, Knt. (from whom the preſent earl of Exeter is deſcended) (*c*); and Mary, to Henry Champernown, of Dartington, in Devonſhire, Eſq; Alſo ſeven ſons; four of which lived to men's eſtate; Sir William, Anthony, Richard, and John.

Anthony, and Richard, went into Ireland, and left families in that kingdom; the former had three ſons, Henry, Anthony, and John; Richard, the ſecond ſon, who was of Wicklow, (and by Anne, his wife, ſiſter to Sir William Walter, of Wimbleton,

(*a*) Chauncy's Hertf. p. 352, 353. (*b*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 233. (*c*) Ibid. vol. II. p. 93.

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in Surry, Knt.) had iſſue, amongſt others, 1. Walter Cope, of Wicklow, Eſq; (who married two wives, ——— Daughter of the biſhop of Kilmore, and ——— daughter of Henry, lord Blany, baron of Monaghan, and left iſſue, Walter Cope, Eſq; his ſon and heir.) 2. Richard, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Pate, of Leiceſterſhire. 3. Anthony. 4. William Cope, of Icombe, in com. Glouceſt. Eſq; who married lady Elizabeth, daughter of Francis, earl of Weſtmorland, relict of Sir John Cope, Bart. hereafter mentioned, and had iſſue two ſons, Henry, and William, and two daughters; Elizabeth, married to Thomas Whitney, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Robert Whitney, of Hereford-ſhire, Knt. and Rachael, who died unmarried.

Sir Anthony Cope, Bart. married to his ſecond lady (*a*), Anne, daughter of Sir William Paſton, of Paſton, in Norfolk, Knt. relict, firſt of Sir George Chaworth, of Wiverton, in Notting-hamſhire, Knt. and afterwards, of Sir Nicholas L'Eſtrange, of Hunſtanton, in Norfolk, Knt.

Sir William Cope, Knt. and Bart. (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Anthony) was elected in the firſt parliament called by King James I. a burgeſs for Banbury (*b*), and for the county of Oxon, one of the knights of the ſhire in three other parliaments, viz. 12, 18, and 21 of that reign, and was high ſheriff of Oxford-ſhire (*c*), 17 Jac. I. which ſufficiently teſtifies he was a gentle-man of worth and intereſt in his country. He died the 2d of Auguſt, 1637, and was buried the 22d of the ſame month, in the chancel of the church of Hanwell. By Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and ſole heir of Sir George Chaworth, of Wiverton, in Nottinghamſhire, Knt. and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir William Paſton, Knt. he became poſſeſſed of Marneham (*d*), in the county of Nottingham, the moſt ancient inheritance of the Chaworths, and left iſſue, two ſons, Sir John, his ſucceſſor, and Jonathan; and three daughters, Frances, who married Robert, ſon and heir of Sir Robert Lee, of Billeſlee, in com. Warw. Knt. Mary, and Urſula, who died unmarried.

Jonathan, ſecond ſon, married Anna (*e*), daughter of Sir Hatton Fermor, of Eaſton, in com. Northamp. Knt. was ſeated at Rawton-Abbey, in Staffordſhire, and left iſſue, Jonathan, his ſon and heir, father to the preſent Sir Jonathan Cope, who was created a baronet by her majeſty Queen Anne, of whom in its proper place.

Sir John Cope, Bart. (eldeſt ſon of Sir William) married firſt, Mary, daughter of Sir John Walter, Knt. lord chief-baron of the exchequer, who died, leaving him an only daughter, Anne: He afterwards

(*a*) Thoroton's Nottinghamſhire, p. 101. and Le Neve MSS. vol. I. p. 24. (*b*) Ex Coll. B. Willis, Arm. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies in Oxfordſhire. (*d*) Thoroton's Nottinghamſhire, p. 102, and 364. (*e*) Collins's Peerage, vol. III. p. 734.

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afterwards married lady Elizabeth, daughter to Francis, earl of Weſtmorland, and had iſſue, three ſons: Sir Anthony, William, who died young, and Sir John: Alſo two daughters; Mary, who died an infant, and Elizabeth, married to Thomas Eſtcourt, of Shipton-Eſtcourt, in com. Glouc. Eſq. Lady Elizabeth, ſurviving her huſband, Sir John, afterwards married (*a*) William Cope, of Icomb, in Glouceſterſhire, Eſq; before mentioned.

Sir Anthony Cope, Bart. (eldeſt ſon of Sir John) married Mary, daughter of Dutton, lord Gerrard, of Gerrard's-Bromley, in com. Staff. and had iſſue a daughter, Mary, and three ſons; John, Anthony, and Henry, who all died young; the latter lies buried at Hanwell, with this inſcription to his memory:

Memoriæ Sacrum.

Hic jacet Magnæ indolis Majoris Spei adoleſcentulus Henricus Cope, nobiliſſimorum Parentum D. Anton. Cope, Baronetti & Mariæ Uxoris ejus filius unicus, & unicæ dilectus, qui Sabbatico Anno hic tranſacto requievit in domino, æterno Sabbato fruiturus, tranſtulit eum Dominus, cum annum agerit octavum, ipſo die dominico Junii 8.

A. Dom. 1662.

Dominus dedit, Dominus abſtulit
Dominus reddit.

This Sir Anthony, was bred in Oriel college, Oxon, and ſerv'd for Banbury, at the reſtoration of King Charles II. and the next year, in the firſt parliament called by that prince, was choſen knight of the ſhire for the county of Oxford. In which parliament he ſat till he died, anno 1675, when, for want of iſſue male, the title and eſtate devolv'd on his brother,

Sir John Cope, Bart. who was bred up at Queen's college, Oxon, and having travelled into France, Italy, and Germany, at his return, had an honourable command in Dunkirk, when that fortreſs was delivered to the French; and on the death of his brother, was choſen in his room, knight of the ſhire for the county of Oxford, and was likewiſe elected for the ſame county in two other parliaments, in the reign of King Charles II. and alſo in the firſt year of King William and Queen Mary, and in the tenth of William III. for Banbury (*b*). He took to wife Anne, daughter of Mr. Philip Booth, by whom he had iſſue a daughter, Elizabeth, who died young; and after her, ſeven ſons ſucceſſively, viz. 1. Sir John, his ſucceſſor: 2. Anthony, who married Anne, daughter of the reverend Mr. Nathaniel Spinkes, formerly rector of Peakirk, in Norhamptonſhire, and prebendary of Sarum, (author of the *Sick Man viſited*, and ſeveral other pieces;) and ſiſter

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. ibid. (*b*) Ex Coll. B. Willis, præd.

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to the late William Spinkes, Esq; by whom he has no issue: 3. Charles: 4. Gallen, who was first a captain of horse, but afterwards quitted the army and lived retired some time, then took orders, and was rector of Eversley, in Hants; he died lately, leaving issue a son: 5. Daniel: 6. Albian; and 7. William, who was a lieutenant in the foot guards, and died June 7, 1706. The three last died unmarried.

Sir John Cope, his eldest son, the present baronet, had his education in Oriel college, Oxon, and about the year 1691, he and his brother Anthony, both travelled abroad, and spent about two years in the academy of Wolfenbuttle, from whence they went to most of the courts in Germany, and Italy; and at their return home, John, the eldest, was knighted by King William, at Kensington, January, 169$\frac{3}{4}$. In the fourth of Queen Anne, he serv'd in parliament for the borough of Plympton, and has been elected in all parliaments since; in the reigns of Queen Anne, and King George I. for the borough of Tavestock, in com. Devon. and in the first parliament called by his present majesty, he was elected one of the knights of the shire for the county of Southampton, and is member in the present parliament for Limington, in the said county.

Sir John, married in 1696, Alice, daughter of Sir Humphry Monnoux, of Wotton, in Bedfordshire, Bart. by whom he hath issue, two sons. Monnoux Cope, Esq; the eldest son, was member of parliament for Banbury, in Oxfordshire, in the last parliament of his late majesty: He married Penelope, only daughter of the honourable Henry Mordaunt, Esq; lieutenant-general of his majesty's forces, (next brother to Charles, late earl of Peterborough) by his second wife Penelope, only child of William Tipping, of Ewelm, in the county of Oxford, Esq; by whom he had two sons; William, who died young, and John, now living. She died December, 1737. John Cope, Esq; the second son, is one of the gentlemen-ushers to his majesty, and is as yet unmarried. Anne, the only daughter of Sir John, married William Bethell, of Rise, in the county of York, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Hugh, and William. She died in February, 1728.

ARMS: Argent, on a Cheveron Azure, between three Roses Gules, slipt proper, as many Fleur de Lis, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Fleur de Lis, Or, a Dragon's Head issuing from the top thereof, Gules.

MOTTO: *Æquo adeste Animo.*

SEAT: *Bramsell*, near *Hertford*, *Bridge*, in *Hampshire*.

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II. GRESLEY, of Drakelow, Derbyſhire.

(GEORGE, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THE original of this family, (denominated from Greſeley, in com. Derb,) anciently written Greſele, Greſelei, Greſlea, Greſly, &c. I find to be deriv'd from Malahulcius, uncle to the famous Rollo, ſometime duke of Normandy, and progenitor to William the conqueror. From which Malahulcius, deſcended Roger de (*a*) Toeny, ſtandard-bearer of Normandy, whoſe younger ſons, Robert, and Nigell, accompanied William the conqueror into England; and the former, at the time of the general ſurvey, (14 Will. I.) poſſeſſed near 150 lordſhips, whereof Stafford, being his reſidence, he thence ſurnamed (*b*) himſelf, and was anceſtor to the noble race of the Staffords; of whom, Humphry, was created duke of Buckingham by King Henry VI. with precedency before all dukes, both in England and France, the blood-royal excepted.

Nigell, aforeſaid, held Drachelawe, Thorpe, Kingeſley, Morton, and other lordſhips, in Derbyſhire and Staffordſhire (*c*), as appears by doomſday-book, and is the direct anceſtor to this family of Greſley, ſtill poſſeſſing the lordſhip of Drakelow, &c. in com. Derby (*d*); and William Greiſley, the ſon of this Nigell, was founder of the monaſtery of Greſeley, in honour of St. George, tho' now in ruins (*e*); (but the eſtate and manor ſtill remains with the family.) Mr. Camden, mentioning Greiſley-caſtle, ſays, it is a meer ruin, which, with the little monaſtery of St. George there, was built by the Greiſleys, formerly lords of it, who derived their pedigree from William, ſon of Nigell, ſurnamed de Griſeley; and have flouriſhed from the Norman conqueſt (*f*), to our times (1607) in great honour. Robert de Greſlei (*g*), ſon and heir of the ſaid William, in anno 1134, (35 Hen. I.) founded an abbey of Ciſtercian monks, at Swineſhed, in com. Linc. (*h*) and (inter alia) gave thereunto his mill, at Manceſtre, in com. Lanc. having his principal ſeat at that lordſhip. Robert de Greſleia, and Henry,

(*a*) Dugd. Bar. of Eng. vol. I. p. 156. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Nigellus pater iſtius Willmi tempore regis Willmi conqueſtoris, tenuit maner. de Thorpe, Kingeſley, & Morton, &c. in com. Staff. ut apparet in libro vocat. Doomſday, compoſit 20 regis Willmi conqueſt. Glover's Viſit. of Staffordſhire, p. 25. (*d*) Dugdale's Bar. of Eng. vol. I. p. 156. (*e*) Ex Inf. Tho. Greſley, de Netherſeile, in com. Leic. Arm. (*f*) Camden's Britannia, vol. I. p. 585. (*g*) Glover's Viſit. Staff. p. 25. and Sir Richard St. George's Derbyſhire, p. 74. (*h*) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 773. n. 40 & 50.

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Henry, his brother, are likewiſe mentioned in Sir William Dugdale's Monaſticon, as witneſſes to a deed of Robert, abbot of Burton, on Trent; and in a charter of King John, confirming grants to the knights hoſpitalers of St. John of Jeruſalem; for therein, Ralph de Griſleia, by the conceſſion of his brethren, Robert, Nigell, Henry, and William, and of William, earl of Ferrars, their lord, gives to thoſe knights all their fee and tenement in Hedria, and in Raveſton, with all the appurtenances (*a*).

From this Robert, by a younger branch, deſcended the Greſleys that had ſummons to parliament among the barons of the realm (*b*), whereof Thomas de Greſlei, having ſummons to parliament from 1 till 4 Ed. II. incluſive, died without iſſue; and Joan, his ſiſter, became his heir, who married John, the ſon of Roger de la Warre, and brought a fair inheritance to that noble family, from whom the preſent lord de la Warr is deſcended.

William de Greſlei, of Drachelawe, eldeſt ſon (*c*) and heir to the aforeſaid Robert, had iſſue Sir Geffery de Greſley, lord of Morton, who was returned with Robert de Frechville, knights of the ſhire for Derby, at the parliament held at London, in 28 Ed. I. and in the ſame year and the following, return'd for the ſame county, with Ralph de Frechville, in the parliaments held at Lincoln (*d*). This Sir Geffery, had four yard land, in (*e*) Coſington, with his wife Margaret, daughter of Maud de Somerville, of Coſington (*f*), in com. Leiceſt. William, his ſon and heir, who, by his charter, (ſtiling himſelf William de Greſſelee (*g*), ſon and heir of Geffery de Greſſelee) gave land in Kingeſton to the priory of Rouceſter, in com Staff. (*h*) He was afterwards a knight, and, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Bakepuiz (*i*), lord of Burton, left iſſue Geffery de Greſley, who, by Agnes his wife, was father to Peter (*k*), who had to wife Joan, daughter of Robert, lord Stafford, of Eggington, in com. Derb. and was ſucceeded in his eſtate by Geffery, his ſon and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Gernon, of Lavington, and left iſſue two ſons, Sir John, and Sir Nicholas Greſley; the former was high ſheriff of Staffordſhire, 46 Ed. III. and took to wife

(*a*) Burton, in his deſcription of Leiceſterſhire, p. 129, treating of Hether, ſays, this manor did anciently belong to the Templers, and after to the knights hoſpitallers of St. John of Jeruſalem, by the grant of Jeffrey de Greiſley, as it appeareth by this record, viz. Hether eſt de feodo de ferrariis & prior hoſpitalis Jeruſalem in Anglia tenet per dimid. feod. j militis de Galfredo de Greſley & Galfridus de comite & comes de rege.—The ſame author, in Doniſthorpe, p. 91, obſerves, This manor hath been (for many years) belonging to the Greiſleies, a very ancient family, who had in this tract, very large territories, lands and poſſeſſions, who had (long ſince) a caſtle, at Caſtle-Greiſeley, and founded a priory at Greiſeley, dedicated to the honour of St. George. (*b*) Dugd. Bar. vol. II. p. 608. (*c*) Glover's Viſit. of Staff. p. 25. (*d*) Will's's Not. Parl. vol. II. p. 217. (*e*) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 76. (*f*) Sir Richard St. George's Viſit. of Derbyſh. p. 74. (*g*) Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 269. (*h*) Glover's Viſit. ibid. (*i*) Sir R. St. George, ibid. (*k*) Ex Stem. huj. Fam. in Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.

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wife, Alice, daughter of Sir Roger Swynerton, of Swynerton, Knt, but died without iſſue male.

Sir Nicholas, his brother and heir (*a*), was living in 3 Ric. II. and having married Thomazine, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Gwaſteneſs, or Waſteneys, Knt. lord of Colton, in Staffordſhire, and the heir of that ancient family, a great addition was made to his eſtate, which deſcended to Thomas, his ſon and heir: tho' he had another ſon, Roger, of Church-Greſley, who left a daughter and heir, Margaret, married to William Babthorp, of Elſton, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq;

Which Thomas de Greſley, his ſon and heir, was returned one of the knights for Derbyſhire, in the parliament held 2 Hen. IV. (*b*) and before that time had received the honour of knighthood. He was likewiſe elected for the ſaid ſhire in the parliaments held in 2 and 5 Hen. V. ſerv'd high ſheriff of Staffordſhire 1 Hen. VI. and was returned among the knights of the ſaid county, in 12 Hen. VI. (*c*) He married Margaret (*d*), daughter of Sir Thomas Walſh, of Wanlip, in Leiceſterſhire, Knt. and left iſſue, John, his ſon and heir.

Which John, married (in the life-time of his father) Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Clavel, (or Clarell) of Yorkſhire, Knt. by Matilda (*e*), daughter of Sir Nicholas Montgomery, Knt. and had by her a daughter, Catherine, married to Sir William de Peto, Knt. about the 4th of Hen. VI. for which he, Sir William, (with others) ſtood engag'd (24 Hen. VI.) in a ſtatute-merchant for large ſums of money taken up by him for the king's ſervice (*f*). This Sir John Greiſley, was elected one of the knights for Staffordſhire, in the parliament held in 31 Hen. VI. and one of the knights for Derbyſhire (*g*), in 39 Hen. VI. and was ſucceeded by a ſon of his own name. John Greſley, who likewiſe ſerv'd in parliament, in 17 Ed. IV. for Derbyſhire, and afterwards receiv'd the honour of knighthood. He left iſſue, by Anne his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Stanley, of Elford, in com. Stafford, Knt. three daughters; the eldeſt married John Egerton, of Wrinehill, the ſecond, to Thomas Darell, of Croteney, and the third to Simon Mountford, of Coleſhil, Eſqrs. alſo a ſon, Thomas, heir to his eſtate.

Which Thomas Greſley, was likewiſe a knight, and taking to wife Anne, daughter to Sir Thomas Ferrers, of Tamworth-caſtle, in com. Warw. Knt. had iſſue five ſons; William, John, a prieſt, George, Robert, and James: whereof William, the eldeſt, ſucceeded to the eſtate at Drakelow.

Which

(*a*) Some Pedigrees make Sir John, to have had two wives; 1. Swynerton, by whom no iſſue; 2. Joan, by whom he was father of Sir Nicholas. (*b*) Not. Parl. præd. p. 220. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies in com. Staff. (*d*) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 300. (*e*) St. George's Derbyſhire, ibid. (*f*) Dugd. Warw. vol. I. p. 477. (*g*) Not. Parl. præd. p. 221.

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Which William, ſerv'd King Henry VIII. in his wars of France, and was with him at the ſiege of Teroven, and the battle of Spurs, and received from him the honour of knighthood, the 14th of October, at Liſle (*a*). He married Benedict, daughter of Henry Vernon, of Haddon, in com. Derb. Eſq; but died without iſſue, ſo that George, his brother, became heir to the eſtate.

Which George Greſley, was ſeated at Colton, in com. Staff. was made knight of the Bath at the coronation of Queen Anne Bullen, 25 Hen. VIII. and having married firſt, Margaret, daughter of John Mulſho, of Findon, in Northamptonſhire, Eſq; and ſecondly, Catherine, daughter of Edward, lord Dudley, knight of the garter; had by the former only one ſon, William, who ſucceeded to the eſtate; and a daughter, Catherine, married to Edward Winter, of —— in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; and by the latter, two ſons, Edward and Thomas, and a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Charles Somerſet, Eſq;

William, the eldeſt ſon and heir, was high ſheriff of Staffordſhire, in 4 Eliz. and afterwards received from that Queen the honour of knighthood. He had iſſue, by Catherine his wife, daughter of Sir Edward Aſton, of Tixall, in com. Staff. Knt. (anceſtor to the preſent lord Aſton) three ſons, Thomas, his ſucceſſor in the eſtate, Haſtings, and Simon, and four daughters, Jane, Mary, Elizabeth, and Grace; which laſt, married Sir Thomas Wolſeley, Knt.

Which Thomas Greſley, Eſq; reſided at Drakelow, and likewiſe poſſeſſed the eſtate in Staffordſhire (*b*); of which county he was high ſheriff, in 25 Eliz. and in the thirty-third and forty-fifth of that Queen's reign, high ſheriff of Derbyſhire. He was knighted at Worſop, in com. Nott. (20th April, 1603) having met King James in his journey from Scotland to take poſſeſſion of the Engliſh crown (*c*). He married firſt, Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Walſingham, of Scadbury, in Kent, Knt. (and Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Sir John Guldeford, Knt. and Barbara, his wife, daughter of Thomas Weſt, lord Delawarr) (*d*), and had iſſue, five ſons and three daughters; Henry, the eldeſt ſon, died A. D. 1583, æt. 4; and George, his brother, ſucceeded to the eſtate. 3. John, who married Joane, daughter of Jaſper More, of Larder, in Salop. 4. William; and 5. Walſingham. This Walſingham Greſley, appears to have been a conſiderable traveller, and 'tis imagined, was in ſome publick employ abroad; for we find him a correſpondent with James Howell, Eſq; one of the clerks of the council, temp. Car. I. (*e*) who thus writes to him in a letter from Madrid, dated Feb. 3. 1623. 'I thank you for 'your

(*a*) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cott. (*c*) Philpot's Cat. of Knights. (*d*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 27. (*e*) Howell's Letters, edit. 1737, 8vo. p. 164.

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'your letter in my lord's laſt packet, wherein, among other 'paſſages, you write to me the circumſtances of marquis Spinola's 'raiſing his leaguer, by flatting and firing his works before Bergh-'hen; he is much taxed here to have attempted it, and to have 'buried ſo much of the king's treaſure before that town, in ſuch 'coſtly trenches. A gentleman came hither lately, who was at 'that ſiege all the while, and he told me one ſtrange paſſage, 'how Sir Ferdinando Cary, a huge corpulent knight, was ſhot 'thro' his body, the Bullet entring at the navel, and coming out 'at his back, kill'd his man behind him, yet he lives ſtill, and is 'like to recover, &c.' And concludes thus: 'Before you return 'hither, which I underſtand will be ſpeedily, pray beſtow a viſit 'on our friends in Biſhopſgate-ſtreet.'

The three daughters of Sir Thomas, were, 1. Catherine, wife to Francis Dethick, of Newhall, Eſq; ſhe afterwards married Sir Bartholomew Hales, of Somerfield, Knt. and thirdly, Henry Gibbs, Eſq; 2. Catherine, married to Sir Richard Harpur, of Swerkſton, in Derbyſhire, Knt. and 3. Dorothy, to Sir Alexander Barlow, of Barley-moor, in com. Salop, Knt. This Sir Thomas Greſley, Knt. had a ſecond wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Southwell, of Woodriſing, in Norfolk, Knt. relict of Henry, ſon and heir of Sir Thomas Paſton, Knt. by whom he had no iſſue.

George Greſley, Eſq; eldeſt ſurviving ſon, reſiding at Drakelow, in Derbyſhire, (the ancient poſſeſſion of his anceſtors, from the conqueſt) was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, June 29, A. D. 1611. He was a gentleman of good parts, an encourager of learning, and Sir William Dugdale ow'd (in ſome meaſure) his riſe to him; for Sir George, being well known to Thomas, earl of Arundel, earl-marſhal of England, introduc'd him to his acquaintance (*a*), on his firſt coming to London. He ſerv'd in parliament 3 Car. I. for Newcaſtle-Underline, in Staffordſhire, and having marry'd Suſan, daughter to Sir Humphry Ferrers, of Tamworth-caſtle, in com. Warw. Knt. had iſſue two daughters, Elizabeth, who died unmarried, and Dorothy, married firſt to Robert Milward, of Bradley-Aſh, Eſq; and ſecondly to Edward Willmot, D. D. alſo one ſon, Thomas Greſley, Eſq; who married Bridget, daughter to Sir Thomas Burdet, of Bramcot, in com. Warw. and Formark, in com. Derb. Bart. and died in the life-time of his father (*b*), having had ten children. 1. Jane; 2. Henry; 3. George, who died infants: 4. Sir Thomas, ſucceſſor to his grandfather: 5. Frances, the wife of John Whitehall, of Pipe-Ridware, in com. Staff. Eſq. 6. Bridget, married to Thomas Brome, of Fiſherwick, in com. Staff. Eſq. 7. George, who married Jane, daughter of Thomas Nelſon, of Northampton, and died without iſſue: 8. Catherine,

(*a*) Wood's Athenæ Ox n. vol. II. faſti, p. 8. (*b*) Dugdale's Derb. fo. 32.

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Catherine, wedded to Richard Dyot, of the city of Litchfield, Eſq; 9. Elizabeth, wife to Philip Trafford, of Swithamly, in com. Staff. 10. Mary, married to John Harpur, rector of Morley, in com. Derb. grandſon of Sir Richard Harpur, of Littleover, in com. Derb. Knt.

Sir Thomas Greſley, Bart. who ſucceeded his grandfather in the eſtate and title, took to wife Frances, daughter and coheir of Gilbert Morewood, of London, and afterwards of Netherſeile, in Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; and had iſſue three ſons and eleven daughters: 1. Frances, wife of William Inge, of Thorp-Conſtantine, in com. Staff. Eſq; 2. Bridget; 3. Elizabeth, who died infants; 4. Dorothy, married to Thomas Ward; 5. Mary, wedded to Daniel Walſon, of Burton, in com. Staff. Eſq; 6. Grace, married to Robert Roby, of Donnington-caſtle, in com. Leic. 7. Sir William, his ſucceſſor; 8. Anne; 9. Catherine, who died infants; 10. Letitia; 11. Thomas Greſley, of Netherſeile, in com. Leic. Eſq; (who took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of John Lee, of Ladyhole, in com. Derb. Gent. and heir to her brother, and had iſſue, Lee Greſley, William, John, and Elizabeth;) 12. Iſabel, who died unmarried; 13. Charles Greſley, of Dunſtall, in com. Staff. Eſq; (who, by Anne his wife, daughter and coheir of John Bott, of Dunſtall aforeſaid, Gent. left only three daughters, his coheirs, viz. Elizabeth, Frances, and Anne; Elizabeth married Thomas Bott, of Coventry, Gent. nephew to John, beforementioned, who bought the ſhares of Frances and Anne Greſley, and thereby became ſole poſſeſſor of the eſtate at Dunſtall (*a*).) 14. Sarah, married to Paul Balladon, of Stapenhill, in com. Derb. Eſq;

This Sir Thomas Greſley, had ſepulture in Greſley-Church, in com. Derb. and his ſecond ſon, Thomas Greſley, of Netherſeile, in the county of Leiceſter, Eſq; (his executor) erected to his memory a noble monument, with a buſt as big as the life, kneeling in an arch, and all the matches of the family, according to the pedigree, in proper ſhields round it, and his offspring and their matches underneath it; alſo the proper atchievements of the family, with the motto, *Meliore fide quam fortuna*; and this inſcription:

Sir Thomas Greſley,
Of Drakelow,
In the County of Derby, Baronet,
Died the 5th of June, 1699,
aged 70.

Sir William Greſley, Bart. (ſon and heir of Sir Thomas) married Barbara, daughter to John Walcot, of Walcot, in com. Salop. Eſq; and relict of Richard Okeley, of Okeley, in the ſaid county, Eſq;

(*a*) Ex Infor. Tho. Bott, Gen.

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Eſq; and had iſſue, two ſons, Sir Thomas, and William, (who died an infant) alſo a daughter, Bridget, married to Adam Ottley, of Pichford, in com. Salop, Eſq; and dying 17 October, 1711, in the forty-eighth year of his age, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his only ſurviving ſon,

Sir Thomas Greſley, the preſent baronet, who married, 1719, firſt, Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Sir William Bowyer, of Kniperſley, in the county of Stafford, Bart. by whom he had iſſue, ſeven ſons, and three daughters, who all died young, except two, Thomas, and Nigel, who are ſtill living (*a*). In the body of the church of Greſley, on the ſouth ſide, between two windows, a very neat monument of various ſorts of marble, is erected, by Sir Thomas Greſley, to the memory of this lady, (who died July 31, 1736) with the following inſcription:

Near this Place
Lieth the Body of
Dame Dorothy Greſley,
Wife of Sir Thomas Greſley, Bart.
Of Drakelow, in this Pariſh;
And one of the Daughters and Coheirs of
Sir William Bowyer, of Kniperſley,
In the County of Stafford, Bart.
She was a good Wife, a tender Mother,
And a ſincere Friend:
And departed this Life the 31ſt Day of July,
1736.

Near this Place lie alſo the Remains
Of ſeveral of the Children of the ſaid
Sir Thomas Greſley,
By the ſaid
Dame Dorothy Greſley.

Sir Thomas married, 1739, to his ſecond lady (*b*), Gertrude, daughter and coheir of John Grammer, of Pledwick, in the county of York, Eſq.

ARMS: Vaire, Ermine and Gules.
CREST: On a Wreath, a Lion Paſſant Ermine, arm'd, langu'd and collar'd, Gules.
MOTTO: *Meliore fide quam Fortuna.*
SEATS: At *Drakelow*, in *Derbyſhire*, and *Kniperſley*, in *Staffordſhire*.

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Tho. Greſley, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

12. COTTON,

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12. COTTON, of Connington, Huntingdonshire.

(Sir ROBERT, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS ancient family (to which the learned world is so much indebted) all authorities agree, is descended out of Cheshire, where there are two towns of the same denomination; one in the hundred of Northwych, the other in Broxton, tho' neither of them mentioned in doomsday-book.

The first we find mentioned, is William de Cotun, father of Simon, who lived temp. Edw. I. who had issue, William, who was twice married, to Isabel, and Joan. Edmund, was his son and heir, living 16 Ed. III. who by his wife Catherine, had issue Robert, and William.

Robert, was of Coton, near Hanbury, in Staffordshire, and is mentioned in deeds, 30 Ed. III. but this line determined in heirs female, about the time of Hen. V. *(a)*.

William Cotton, aforesaid, about the latter end of Ed. III. married Agnes, daughter and heir of Walter de Ridware, of *(b)* Hampstall-Ridware, in com. Staff. by Joan his wife, daughter and heir of Walter Walsheif, and Juliana, his wife, daughter and heir of John Basyng, of Boylston, in Derbyshire; by which marriage, the manor of Ridware, and other possessions accrued to him; and he assumed the arms of Ridware, as now borne by his posterity.

John Cotton, son and heir to the said William, bore the arms of Ridware, making Hampstall-Ridware his chief residence; and having married Isabel, daughter and heir of William Faulconer, of Thurcaston, in com. Leicest. Esq; *(c)* had issue,

Sir Richard Cotton, of Ridware, Knt. who married Elizabeth, sister, and afterwards coheir of Sir Hugh Venables, baron of Kinderton, in Cheshire; from which marriage proceeded two sons, John, and William.

From John, the eldest, who enjoy'd the estate at Ridware, and was living 35 Hen. VI. and 2 Ed. IV. descended the Cottons, of Ridware, in com. Staff. and the Cottons of Bould, and Crackmarsh, in the same county.

William,

(a) Visit. de Com. Hunt. Bib. Cot. Julius, F. 8. (b) Erdswick's Staff. p. 99. (c) Burton, in his description of Leicestershire, treating of Thurcaston, p. 287, says, The heir general of Faulconer, was married to Ridware, whose heir was married to Coton; and p. 288. makes William de Coton, temp. Ed. III. to marry Agnes, daughter and heir to Walter de Ridware, by Agnes his wife, daughter and heir to Thomas Faulconer, and to have two sons, 1. Robert: 2. Richard de Coton, de Ridware, com. Staff.

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William, the brother of the ſaid John, was ſlain at the battle of St. Albans, temp. Hen. VI. in thoſe fatal contentions between the houſes of York and Lancaſter (*a*). He married mary, daughter and heir of Robert de Weſenham (*b*), ſon of Sir Hugh de Weſenham, by Agnes, daughter and heir of Sir John de Bruſe (*c*), lord of Connington in the county of Huntingdon, and Exton, in com. Rutland. By which marriage, he came poſſeſſed of the firſt of thoſe lordſhips, the ſeat of his poſterity to this time.

'Connington was once the ſeat of Turketile, or Turchil, the 'Dane (*d*), earl of the Eaſt Angles, who invited over Swaine, 'king of Denmark, to invade England; and he, with moſt of 'that nation, being exil'd by ſaint Edward the confeſſor, this 'ſeat, with his other large poſſeſſions, were given by the ſaid 'king, to Waltheof, earl of Northumberland and Huntingdon, 'to whom, William the conqueror gave in marriage, lady Judith, 'his ſiſter's daughter. Afterwards, Connington, and the earl-'dom of Huntingdon, came to David, king of Scotland, ſon of 'Malcolm I. and Margaret his wife, niece to Edward the king, 'confeſſor, grandchild to Edmund, ſurnamed Ironſide, king of the 'Engliſh Saxons, and ſiſter and heir to Edgar Etheling, by which 'marriage, the ſtemme-royal of the Saxons became united into 'the blood-royal of the Scottiſh kings:' which David, king of Scotland, married Maud, daughter to earl Waltheof, and had iſſue, Henry, earl of Huntington, who died at Calcone, 18 Steph. 1155, his father then living; leaving iſſue by Ada, daughter of William de Warren, ſecond earl of Surry, David, earl of Carrick and Huntingdon, who died at Yerdley, in Northamptonſhie, and was buried at Sawtrey-abby, in com. Hunt. leaving iſſue by Maud, eldeſt daughter of Hugh Keveliok, earl of Cheſter, one ſon and two daughters, viz. John, earl of Huntington, who died without iſſue, at Barnhall, 22 Hen. III. and Margaret, married to Allan, of Galloway, conſtable of Scotland; and Iſabella, *dna de Conyngton*, who married Robert de Brus, lord of Anandale, in Scotland, and Cleaveland, in England: by this marriage, Robert de Brus, acquired this lordſhip of Connington, and died, leaving two ſons, Robert, and Bernard de Brus.

Robert

(*a*) Vita Dom. Rob. Cotton, Bart. præfixa Catalog. Bib. Cotton. (*b*) Tho' in a pedigree now in the poſſeſſion of one of this family, entitled, 'A deſcent of the lords of Coning-'ton, from Waltheof, earl of Huntingdon and Northampton, to whom St. Edward the 'confeſſor gave it, after he had baniſhed Turkhill the Dane, earl of the Eaſt Angles, 'whoſe ſeat it was,' this William Cotton, is mentioned as the thirteenth lord of Conington, and there ſaid to marry Mary, daughter of Folvile, of Rearſby, neice and heir of Thomas Weſſenham, (being his ſiſter's daughter) which Thomas, was ſon of Robert Weſſenham, ſon of Sir Hugh Weſſenham, and Anne (not Agnes) his wife, eldeſt daughter and coheir to Sir John Brus. (*c*) Agnes, ſiſter and heir of Bernard, ſon of John de Brus, of Conyngton, married to Hugh de Weſenham, ſon of John, prov'd her age, 12 Ap. 27 Ed. III. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 35. See alſo Clauſ. 27. Ed. III. M. 2a. (*d*) Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 496.

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Robert de Brus, her eldeſt ſon (*a*), had a juſt claim to the crown of Scotland, whoſe ſon Robert, the third, thereof obtained full poſſeſſion of that kingdom, in right from whom, our ſacred ſovereign, King Charles, is lineally deſcended (*b*); and

Bernard de Brus, her ſecond ſon, had, by the gift of his mother (*c*), 'this lordſhip of Connington, with other large poſſeſſions in England, which, after four deſcents in that ſtem, was, by marriage of Anne, the daughter and heir of Sir John de Brus, to Sir Hugh Weſenham, brought into that family, who after three deſcents, by the marriage of Mary, the daughter and heir of the laſt of that ſurname, it came to William, ſecond ſon of Sir Richard Cotton, of Ridware, in the county of Stafford (*d*).' Mr. Camden, in his Britannia (*e*), ſpeaking of Connington, ſays, 'it was held (as the lawyers word it) of the honour of Huntingdon, where, within a ſquare ditch, are the plain footſteps of an ancient caſtle, which (with Saltry) was given by Canute, to Turkhill the Dane, who lived among the Eaſt-Angles, and called in Sueno, king of Denmark, to plunder the nation: after Turkhill's departure, it was poſſeſſed by Waldeof, earl of Huntingdon, ſon to Siward, earl of Northumberland, who married Judith, William the conqueror's neice, by his half ſiſter on the mother's ſide; by whoſe eldeſt daughter it deſcended to the royal family of Scotland. For ſhe, after her firſt huſband's deceaſe, married David, earl of Huntingdon, (afterwards king of Scotland) the younger ſon of Malcolm Can-mor, king of Scotland, and Margaret his wife, of the royal family of the Saxons, (ſhe being King Edmund Ironſide's grandchild, by his ſon Edgar, who was ſurnamed, the Baniſh'd) David, had a ſon call'd Henry, and he another, call'd David, who was earl of Huntingdon: by Iſabel, one of his daughters, Cunnington, and other large poſſeſſions came by marriage to Robert Brus, from whoſe eldeſt ſon, Robert, ſurnamed the Noble, James I. king of Great Britain, lineally derived his deſcent: and from his younger ſon, Bernard, who inherited Cunnington, and Exton, Sir Robert Cotton, Knt. derived his. And in the church are two ancient remarkable monuments; the one inſcrib'd, *Imperator, Rex Franciæ, Anglo-Saxonum, Angliæ, Scotiæ*: the other; *Prince Henry of Scotland, Lord of Cunnington*; but both without date.'

The ſaid lady Mary, daughter of Robert de Weſenham, having buried her huſband, William Cotton, was married ſecondly, to Sir Thomas Billing, Knt. chief-juſtice of England in the reign of King Ed. IV. and thirdly, to Thomas Lacy, of Granceſtre, near Cambridge, and dying 14 March, A. D. 1499, was buried on the ſouth ſide of the altar of the church of St. Margaret, Weſtminſter

(*a*) Weaver, ibid. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Vol. I. p. 506.

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minſter (which iſle, in that king's time, ſhe had piouſly repair'd,) by her firſt huſband. Weaver exhibits the graphical drafts of both their monuments. He is repreſented in armour with a fur-coat of his arms of the Spread Eagle, and upon his knees at prayer, a book before him, and behind a group of fifteen children, all mature grown, whereof eight ſeem to be ſons, and the other ſeven daughters; in a ſcrole over his head, *S. hoc a. m.* 'Her tomb 'was erected in the depth of popiſh ignorance and ſuperſtition *(a)*, 'whereon is the portraiture of dame Mary Bylling, over whoſe 'head is prophanely engraved that of an old man, repreſenting 'the Almighty, emitting a refulgent ray upon the head of the 'virgin Mary, (on the ſiniſter ſide of Bylling) from whoſe mouth, 'on a label, are theſe words—"*Ecce Ancilla Domini; fiat mihi* "*ſecundum Verbum tuum.*" And on the dexter ſide, an angel, 'with the following words before his mouth, on a label:—"*Ave* "*Maria, Gratia plena.*" And on a label iſſuing from the mouth 'of Mary Bylling, theſe words;—"*Bleſſed Lady, for thy glo-* "*rious Salutacion, bryng our Sowles to Everlaſting Salvacion.*" And 'on two ſcrowles on each ſide of her, the following words;— "*Bleſſyd Triniti, on me have Mercy.*" The four abovementioned 'figures, as well as the ſeveral inſcriptions, are engraven on 'ſmall plates of braſs, inlaid in the top ſtone; as is alſo the fol-'lowing inſcription, on the ſide hereof *(b)*:

> Here lieth Mary Bylling, late Wife to Sir Thomas Bylling, Knight, Chief-Juſtice of England, and to William Coton, and Thomas Lacy; which Mary, died the 14th of March, in the Yeare of our Lord God, 1499.

His eldeſt ſon and heir, who ſucceeded him, was Thomas Cotton, of Connington, Eſq; high ſheriff of Cambridge and Huntingdonſhire, 15 Hen. VII. who married Eleanor, daughter to Richard Knightley, of Faweſley, in com. Northamp. Eſq; (by Eleanor his wife, daughter of John Throckmorton, of Coughton, in Warwickſhire, Eſq;) *(c)*. He died 21 Hen. VII. 1506, and had iſſue three daughters; Eleanor, wife to Robert Mulſho, of Thingdon, in com. Northton, Eſq; Mary, to —— Grantoft, of Stanton, in com. Huntingdon, Eſq; and Margaret, a nun, at Barking, in com. Eſſex. Alſo five ſons; Thomas, William, George, Anthony, and Richard.

Thomas, ſucceeded to the eſtate; was likewiſe high ſheriff of the counties of Cambridge and Huntingdon, 4 Hen. VIII. and departing this life the ninth year of that king's reign, left his wife a widow, and his eldeſt ſon in ward, and was buried in the abby

(*a*) Maitland's Hiſtory of London and Weſtminſter, p. 724. (*b*) Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 495. (*c*) Bridges's Northamptonſhire, p. 64.

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of Saltry, in com. Hunt. as we are inform'd from a cenotaphial inſcription ſet up by his great grand-ſon, Sir Robert Cotton, Bart. in the church at Connington, viz.

Aſta, te amabo lege.
(a) Domum cum vivus non parabam in
quâ quieſcerem mortuus; unam Saltreâ
curabat mihi heres benignus; ſin hærede
benignior Pronepos hîc me reſtituiſſet,
latuiſſem Majoribus rudere Cœnobii.
Sum Thomas Cotton, quem Autoritas
Adulta, patriuſque amor, caſta conjux,
Paris filia, dulceſque liberi, ornârunt
At mors mihi eripiens, Patriam amicam
Poſteris, Johannam viduam marito,
Hæredem pupillum cuſtodi reliquit.
Anno Salut. 1519.
Vale.
Et abi in rem tuam.

His wife therein mention'd, was Joan, daughter of Philip Paris, of Linton in com. Cantab. Eſq; by whom he had iſſue a daughter, Eleanor, married firſt to Edward Pitcher, of Trumpington, in Cambridgſhire; ſecondly, to Pepys, of Cottenham, in the ſame county; thirdly, to Dr. Walker, of Cambridge, M. D. and two ſons, Thomas, and Richard Cotton, clerk.

Thomas Cotton, Eſq; was high ſheriff of Huntingdon and Cambridge, anno 1 Ed. VI. and having married Lucy, daughter and coheir to Thomas Harvy, of Elmeſtoke, in com. Linc. Eſq; had iſſue, Thomas, Robert, Philip, Lawrence, John, Kivilioc, and Jane.

Thomas, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the inheritance: He was knight of the ſhire for Huntingdon, 4 and 5 Philip and Mary; and married two wives: 1. Elizabeth, daughter to Francis Shirley, of Staunton-Herold, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; (by Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Sir John Gifford, of Chillington, in com. Staff. Knt. and relict of John Congreve, Eſq;) ſon of Sir Ralph Shirley, of Staunton-Herold, Knt. and Joan his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Sheffield, Knt. anceſtor to the late duke of Buckingham; by whom he had two ſons (b), Sir Robert, hereafter mentioned, and Thomas Cotton, of Gedding-Abbots, in com. Hunt. Eſq; who married Mary, daughter of Robert Apreeſe (or Price,) of Waſhingly, in Huntingdonſhire, Eſq; and had iſſue, John Cotton, of Gedding, Eſq; (c) who, by Frances, daughter and coheir to John Gifford, of White-Ladys, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; left only one daughter, his ſole heir, Alice (d), married to —— Fitzherbert,

(a) Inſcrip. ejuſd. (b) Hen. St. George's Viſit. Camb. p. 114. (c) Ibid. (d) Ibid.

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Fitzherbert, of —— in com. Staff. Esq; Thomas Cotton, Esq; had also by his first wife, daughter to Francis Shirley, Esq; three daughters; Lucy, married to —— Talcarne, of Ashton, in Essex; Dorothy, to Maurice Baude, of Somerby, in com. Lincoln. and Johanna, to John Baude, of the same place, Esqrs. The said Thomas Cotton, Esq; took to his second wife, Dorothy, daughter of John Tamworth, of Hawsted, in com. Leicest. Esq; by whom he had three daughters; 1. Catherine, unmarried, 1613. 2. Frances, who was second wife to Sir Edward Montagu, of Boughton, in com. Northton. knight of the Bath, afterwards created lord Montagu, (ancestor to his grace the duke of Montagu) and 3. Rebecca, married to William Mulsho, of Thingdon, in com. Northton, Esq; He had also three sons, Henry; Ferdinand, and John, both merchants.

In St. Sepulchre's church, London, there is a monument on a pillar, in the body of that church, for Henry, the eldest son, by the second marriage, with this inscription *(a)*:

> Here is buried the Body of Henry Cotton, Gentleman, eldest Son of Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in the County of Huntingdon, Esq; by Dorothy Tamworth, his second Wife. He living honestly, died the 11th Day of June, 1614, and made his Executors, Sir Edward Montague, Knight of the Bath, married to Frances, his second sister, and William Mulsho, Esq; married to Rebecca, his third Sister, who in requital of his Kindness to them, erected this Remembrance for him.

Robert, the eldest son by the first wife, was born 22 Jan. A. D. 1570 *(b)*, in the village of Denton, near Connington, (part of his ancestors inheritance) his parents having remov'd thither, not long after their marriage, as well for the splendor of his birth, as to be more at liberty from the incommodiousness of their own seat, arising from a great accession of new domesticks. He was no less illustrious in his descent from his mother, a Shirley, (whose chief is the present earl Ferrers,) than from his father. But he render'd his family more eminent by his own life, his sublime disposition, strong judgment, excellent endowments of mind, and other qualifications, that makes his name shine to posterity. After King James I. came to the English crown, who, by reason of his descent from the Bruces, acknowledg'd him his cousin, he wrote himself in his books, Bruceus; not in arrogance and ostentation, but in distinction to those of the name of Cotton, of other families; and as my author observes *(c)*, in a grateful sense of the divine favour for that extraction, and to excite an emulation in his issue, to follow the virtues of such glorious ancestors.

(a) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. B. 3. p. 243. *(b)* Ex ejus vita in Bib. Cot. *(c)* Life of Sir Robert Cotton, prefixed to the Catal. of the Cotton Library.

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ceſtors. It is not doubted, but being the firſt-born, he had an education agreeable to the promiſing hopes of his future accompliſhments. After his juvenile ſtudies, he was ſent to Trinity-college, Cambridge, where he thought it not ſufficient to be regiſter'd among academicks, and wear the habit only; unleſs by his ſtudies he could be a benefit to his prince and nation. This he made good on leaving the univerſity, not ſuffering his nature to flag, nor the vigour of his mind to be emaſculated by pleaſure and domeſtick delights; Queen Elizabeth then reign'd, whoſe favour was only to men of deſert, which ſo inflam'd her ſubjects, eſpecially ſuch whoſe happy birth had rais'd them above the vulgar, that in divers capacities, ſome in maritime affairs, either in new diſcoveries, or in hoſtility againſt an enemy, or planting new colonies; others in military matters, others in embaſſies, &c. and ſuch as ſtaid at home, ſedulouſly apply'd themſelves in buſineſs of the court, in the law, mathematicks, mechaniſm, and in national hiſtory and antiquities, (of ſingular uſe in civil affairs;) which laſt, Sir Robert, at the age of eighteeen years made choice of, and at length, above the reach of any private purſe, acquir'd ſuch a library of rare and exquiſite manuſcripts, that Britain, nay, the whole chriſtian world is his debtor. He maturely began his great collection, A. D. 1588, when, finding his reſiding at home not altogether adequate to his purpoſes, he came up to London, aſſociated himſelf with Camden, and became a member of the ſociety of antiquaries. That learned man had ſuch an eſteem for him, that he dedicated his remains to him, and when he died, was a benefactor to his library. He travelled into the north with Mr. Camden *(a)*, anno 1599, to view the Picts wall, and other northern antiquities: thoſe parts being plentifully ſtor'd with roman relicks, occaſion'd thro' their long reſidence there to repreſs the barbarities of the Picts; and by this means, and the affinity of their faculties, he came acquainted with the lord William Howard, of Nawarth-caſtle, in Cumberland, and other nobles; which being cultivated and maintain'd, introduc'd the marriage between his ſon, and a daughter of that noble houſe.

The reputation he attain'd, when young, by his learning and induſtry, increaſed with his years, in ſolid erudition and prudence; the ſame tenour and mode of life, without idleneſs or luxury; the ſame ardency and diligence to obtain antique books continued; but not for the ſake of pomp or ſhew, or by reading them to find diſcourſe

(a) Mr. Camden, ſpeaking of this Sir Robert, in his Britannia, vol. I. p. 506. ſays, "A perſon, who, beſides other excellencies, was a great admirer and maſter of learning, "and had here a collection of antiquities from all parts; from whoſe ſingular courteſy I "often received great light in theſe obſcure and intricate matters. Divers Roman monu"ments brought by him from the Picts wall, do ſtill remain in a ſummer-houſe, in the "garden here, at Connington.

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diſcourſe for vain ſpeculations, but to fit him for more arduous enterprizes.

Upon the peace intended between Queen Elizabeth, and King Philip of Spain, he furniſhed England with Arguments for its precedency before that realm, which was foreſeen would be a preliminary, and conteſted at the congreſs.

A. D. 1603, he received the honour of knighthood from King James I. being one of thoſe many he conferr'd that honour on, before his coronation *(a)*. During this reign, and in the many and various difficulties ariſing in ſtate points, Sir Robert, was look'd upon, by common ſuffrage, one of the beſt inſtructed therein; hence, Henry, earl of Northampton, and lord privy-ſeal, 1608, became his familiar and perpetual friend, conſulted him in what he publickly deliver'd, made him his confident, and found a return of wiſdom and fidelity.

He became ſoon after known to Henry, prince of Wales, who required his information in reference to his court and palace. He was adviſed withal in the caſe of the union of the two kingdoms, by Robert, earl of Saliſbury, and the aforeſaid earl of Northampton. The commiſſioners of the earl marſhalſhip referr'd to his arbitration the different judgments of the heralds, concerning precedency among the city magiſtrates; and his opinion was likewiſe deſir'd by ſeveral others, in many different caſes of moment.

The ſame year, 1608, he is nominated, with the earl of Northampton, and others, in the commiſſion for better ordering and providing for the navy; render'd almoſt uſeleſs by inactivity and neglect, and aſſiſted in compoſing a treatiſe on that ſubject.

A. D. 1609, he wrote upon duelling and ſingle combat, uſed before either king, high-conſtable, and marſhal.

About the years 1609 and 10, the nation being weak in treaſure, methods were ſet on foot to repleniſh the ſame without burthen to the ſubject, and danger to the laws; Sir Robert, among others, had this province, being a perſon whoſe judgment had ſifted the deeds of paſt ages. They pitch'd on this hereditary dignity of baronets, propos'd for the reduction of Ulſter, in Ireland, and that each advanced to it, ſhould pay 1000l. and this was approv'd on, and Sir Robert himſelf dignify'd with the ſame, in the ninth year of King James I.

About the 14th year of this reign, he compendiouſly wrote the life of King Henry III. for the expeditious reading of King James I. that he might uſe it as a mirrour; and that king deſigning a marriage with Spain for his ſon Prince Charles, which the Engliſh diſlik'd: Sir Robert, had the honour to manage this affair, repreſenting the hiſtory of the Auſtrian leagues, truces, &c. anno 1625, and ſtood in defence of the duke of Buckingham,

(*a*) Philpot's Cat. of Knights.

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when the Spaniſh embaſſadors endeavoured to incenſe the king againſt him, whom they conceiv'd broke off the intended match. Neither was he a leſs patron to eccleſiaſticks, aſſerting their cauſe againſt the Puritans, from the conſtitutions of the empire, and the laws of our Saxon kings. He collected an exact abridgment of the parliamentary records in the Tower of London, from the reign of King Edward II. unto King Richard III. which was publiſh'd after his deceaſe, by William Prynne, of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; who, in his preface to it, ſays, 'It was collected by that 'moſt eminent, induſtrious collector of our beſt, rareſt Engliſh 'antiquities, manuſcripts, leger-books, records of all ſorts, 'whoſe famous name and memory alone, are ſufficient to add 'more praiſe and luſtre to this abridgment, than any panegyric 'epiſtle I am able to prefix thereto.' He wrote many tracts, ſome of which were publiſhed after his death. In the reign of King James I. he was twice choſen knight of the ſhire for the county of Huntingdon, and none more judicious and intelligent of our conſtitution, where he behaved himſelf as a loyal ſubject to his ſovereign, and an honeſt repreſentative to his country: but whilſt the conſtitution of his body promis'd long life, a ſudden fever ſeiz'd him; labouring under which, and foreſeeing his death, he prepar'd himſelf for it like a true chriſtian, and made his will *(a)*, leaving his only ſon Thomas, his heir and executor, ſetling the great beneficial treaſure of his library, which he had been forty years collecting, at a vaſt expence, upon the ſaid Thomas, and after him, upon his grandſon, John, therein expreſs'd, aged at that time, ten years old, and afterwards to his right heirs, never to be alienated.

He died, after two days ſickneſs, on the 6th of May, A. D. 1631, aged ſixty years, three months, and a few days, at his houſe in Weſtminſter, whence, with ſolemn pomp, he was carried to Connington, as he appointed in his will; and was interr'd on the ſouth ſide of that church, under a fair monument erected by the piety of his wife and ſon: which lady, was Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of William Brocas, of Thedingworth, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; whereon is this inſcription:

Robertus Cottonus, Miles & Baronettus, Dominus hujus
Manerii de Connington.
Antiquiæ & nobilis Familiæ Bruceorum ejuſdem
Manerii Dominorum, per Parentalem Succeſſionem
Hæres.
Sagaciſſimus Antiquitatum hujus Gentis Indigator,
Et Conſervator notiſſimus.
Natus 22 Januarii MDLXX. Dentoniæ

Obiit

(a) Ut. Volunt. ejuſd. Rob.

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Obiit 6 Die Maii MDCXXXI. in Domo ſua
Weſtmonaſterienſi.
Et juxta hic conditur, expectans Reſurrectionem
Fælicem.
Communis Mundo ſupereſt Rogus.

Sir Thomas, his only ſurviving ſon, ſucceeded in title and eſtate. He repreſented the county of Huntingdon in parliament, 15 Car. I. and by his wife, Margaret, daughter to William, lord Howard, of Naworth-caſtle, in com. Cumb. third ſon to Thomas, duke of Norfolk, (anceſtor to the preſent earl of Carliſle,) had iſſue one ſon, Sir John; and two daughters, Lucy, married to Sir Philip Wodehouſe, of Kimberley, in Norfolk, Bart. and Frances. He married ſecondly, Alice, daughter and ſole heir to Sir John Conſtable, of Dromonby, in com. Ebor. Knt. relict of Edmund Anderſon, of Stratton, and Eyworth, in Bedfordſhire, Eſq; by whom he had two daughters; Frances, married to Sir Thomas Proby, of Elton-hall, in Huntingdonſhire, Bart. and Alice, married to Sir Humphry Monnoux, of Wotton, in Bedfordſhire, Bart. likewiſe four ſons; 1. Thomas, who died unmarried at the age of ſeventeen years; 2. Sir Robert Cotton, of Hatley St. George, in com. Cantab. Knt. who, for ſeveral years, repreſented the county of Cambridge, in parliament, and was for many years one of the commiſſioners of the poſt-office, and by Gertrude, his wife, ſecond daughter to Sir William Morrice, of Werington, in com. Devon. Bart. principal ſecretary of ſtate to King Charles II. had iſſue, Robert, his ſon and heir, who died young; Thomas, who died iſſueleſs; and three daughters, Gertrude, and Frances, that died infants; and Alice, his ſole ſurviving daughter and heir, born 1684, married to Samuel Treſuſis, of ——, in Cornwall, Eſq; (by which match he became poſſeſſed of Hatley St. George, which deſcended to his ſon, Robert Treſuſis, Eſq; member in the laſt parliament for Truro, who lately ſold the ſame to Thomas Pearce, Eſq; one of the commiſſioners of the navy.) 3 Philip Cotton, of Connington, Eſq; aged thirty-eight years, 1684 (*a*), who married twice; one of his wives was, Frances, daughter of Sir Toby Tyrrel, of Thornton, in Bucks, Bart. relict of Sir John Hewet, of Warreſly, com. Huntingdon, Bart. but having no iſſue by either of them,

(*a*) St. George's Viſit. of Camb. 1684.

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them, left his eſtate to his nephew, Thomas Cotton, Eſq; ſon of his brother, William Cotton, of Cotton-hall, in Cheſhire, Eſq; who was the youngeſt ſon of the ſaid Sir Thomas Cotton, Bart. which William, the fourth and youngeſt ſon, married Mary, daughter of the rev. Mr. Robert Pulleyn, of Thurlſton, in Leiceſterſhire, by whom he had one ſon, and four daughters; Thomas, of whom hereafter; Mary, married to Jonathan Symonds, of Ormſby, in com. Norfolk, Eſq; Alice, to William Shiers, Gent. Catherine, now living, unmarried; and Frances, married to Dr. Lewis, a phyſician, in London. Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in com. Cantab, Eſq; only ſon and heir, married Anne, daughter and heir of Thomas Andrews, (who was grandſon and heir of Sir Thomas Andrews, Knt. citizen of London,) by Anne, daughter and heir of Samuel Shute, Eſq; ſheriff of London, 1681, by whom he had many children, but left only Frances, his daughter and ſole heir, married to Dingley Aſcham, Eſq; who now poſſeſſes Conington eſtate.

Which Sir Thomas Cotton, Bart. died the 13th of May, 1662, aged ſixty-eight years, and was buried in the ſouth chancel of the church at Connington, near his father, under a monument erected for the preſervation of his memory, with this epitaph (*a*):

Thomas Cottonus, Baronettus, Rob. filius, Hæres, & Imitator paternæ ſedulitatis in conquirendis Britannicarum Antiquitatum Monumentis.

H. S. E.
Oppreſſæ Patriæ & Regi Carolo I. fidem præſtitit;
Bibliothecam ineſtimabilem ſummo Studio,
Nec minoribus impenſis conſervavit;
Locupletavit & Poſteritati eruditæ dicavit.
Duas Uxores, lectiſſimas Fœminas, ſibi ſociavit;
Ex priori, filium Johannem, filias Luciam & Franciſcam ſuſcepit,
Ex poſteriori, tres filios (uno prorepto) & duas filias
Superſtites reliquit
Obiit 13°. An. Dom. 1662.
Johannes Cotton, Patri amantiſſimo poſuit.
Quantula pars hominum Corporis exuviæ?

Sir

(*a*) Le Neve's Monumenta Anglic. vol. II. p. 92.

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Sir John Cotton, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, was his ſucceſſor in title and eſtate. He was born in the year 1621, and repreſented the town of Huntingdon, in parliament, 13 Car. II. and the county of Huntingdon, 1 Jac. II. He had likewiſe two wives; 1. Dorothy, daughter and ſole heir to Edmund Anderſon, of Stratton, and Eyworth, in com. Bedf. Eſq; grandſon to Sir Edmund, lord chief-juſtice of the common-pleas, by whom he had one ſon, John, and a daughter, Dorothy, married to —— Dennis, of Gloceſterſhire, Eſq; and by Elizabeth, his ſecond lady, daughter to Sir Thomas Honywood, of Mark's-hall, in Eſſex, Knt. ſiſter and heir to John le Mott Honywood, Eſq; (who died April 3, 1702,) he had ten children, of which, only three ſurviv'd, viz. one ſon, Robert, (now Sir Robert,) and two daughters, Elizabeth, and Mary-Honywood: Elizabeth, the eldeſt, married firſt, Lyonel Walden, of Huntingdon, Eſq; ſecondly, —— Smith, of Weſtminſter, Eſq; by the laſt ſhe had one daughter, now living, unmarried; and by the firſt marriage, beſides ſome that died young, ſhe had, Lyonel, who died unmarried, and two daughters, his coheirs, viz. Elizabeth, and Heſter: Elizabeth, was twice married; firſt, to Charles Pitfield, Eſq; (by whom ſhe had a ſon, Charles, and a daughter, Elizabeth: Charles Pitfield, Eſq; the only ſon, married one of the daughters of Solomon Aſhley, Eſq; member in the laſt parliament for Bridport, in Dorſetſhire, and died without iſſue; his widow, married for her ſecond huſband, the honourable Felton Hervey, Eſq; youngeſt ſon of the earl of Briſtol; Elizabeth, the daughter, who is alſo deceas'd, was married to Edward Bigland, of Long-Whatton, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq;) and ſecondly, to Talbot Touchet, Eſq; (by whom ſhe left one daughter, Adelaida, who is as yet unmarried;) Heſter, the ſecond daughter and coheir, married Humphry Orme, of Peterborough, Eſq; a captain of his majeſty's navy; (by whom ſhe has one ſon, Walden.) Mary-Honywood, the ſecond ſurviving daughter of Sir John, married Dr. Roger Kenyon, (ſon of Edward Kenyon, late rector of Preſtwich, in Lancaſhire, by his wife, a daughter of colonel Richard Holland, of Heaton, in the ſame county,) they both died without iſſue.

The ſaid Sir John, lies interr'd under a handſome monument, at Connington, whereon is this inſcription:

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H. S. E.

D. Johannes Cottonus,

Baronettus, D. Thomæ Filius, & D. Roberti nepos dignissimus, avitarum virtutum, pariter ac lauti Patrimonii hæres, quas egregiis animi, & ingenii dotibus, studiisque Literaturæ adauxit; & ornavit Bibliothecam, ab avo in ædibus Cottonianis Westmonasterii fundatam —— Historiæ & Antiquitatis Britannicæ Sacrarium, ut in omne ævum integra & inviolabilis servaretur. Pro Pietate & præclarissimo de Patria optime merendi studio, in publicos literatorum Usus transferri, & perpetuo nexu addici, lege Parliamentaria curavit. Tandem, Saturdierum, & illibatæ apud omnes Famæ, duodecimo Die Septembris, a reparatæ hominum salutis MDCCH. Octogessimo primo Ætatis Anno, Strattoniæ in Agro Bedfordiensi placide obdormivit in Domino, per quem expectat fælicem & beatam Resurrectionem.

Memoria Justi cum laudibus. (a)

And against the east end of the north isle of Connington-church, is a monument of white marble for Sir John's second lady, thus inscrib'd:

Sacred to the Memory
of Dame Elizabeth Cotton, Daughter
of Sir Thomas Honywood, of Mark's-Hall,
in Essex, Knt. and second Wife of Sir John Cotton,
Lord of this Manor of Connington, Bart.
By whom he had issue, ten Children,
of whom, only three, Robert, Elizabeth, the
Relict of Lionel Walden, Esq; and Mary-
Honywood, survive. She was a Lady of
true and solid Piety, of an excellent Understanding and Sharpness of Wit, a most
loving and tender Wife, an indulgent and

careful

(a) I find here, at Connington, another short inscription on Sir John, ordered by himself, (and the above larger one, I suppose, done afterwards by his successor,) which is as follows;

Hic jacet reconditum Corpus D. Johannis Cottoni, Baronetti, hujus Manerii de Connington, Domini, qui sententiam hanc, quasi Archangeli Ore, in extremo mundi perituri die, proferendam, quam ille auribus suis insonuisse sentiebat, saxo sepulchrali incidi voluit; surgite mortui & venite ad Judicium.

I should have imagined this to belong to John, his son, if he had not died without the title, which this John, has here given him.

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careful Mother, obliging in her deportment towards her Neighbours and Friends, and bountiful towards the Poor: after she had lived thirty-eight Years in holy Wedlock, she resign'd up her pious Soul to God, with all Calmness and Tranquility of Mind, on the 3d of April, M.DCC.II. at Cotton-house, in Westminster, in the lxv. Year of her Age, and lyes here interr'd, expecting a joyfull and happy Resurrection.

John Cotton, Esq; only son of the said Sir John, (by his first lady,) married Frances, daughter of Sir George Downing, of East-Hatley, in Cambridgeshire, Bart. and dying in the life-time of his father, anno 1681, at the age of thirty-one years, left two sons, and one daughter; Sir John, successor to his grandfather, and Thomas, who married Frances, only daughter and heir to William Langton, of Peterborough, in Northamptonshire, Esq; (of the family of Langton, of Langton, in Lincolnshire,) and left issue, one daughter, Mary, who is as yet unmarried. Frances, the only daughter of the said John, was married to William Hanbury, of Little-Marcle, in Herefordshire, Esq; and had several children.

Which Sir John Cotton, of Connington, Bart. who succeeded his grandfather, serv'd in parliament the fourth of Queen Anne, for the town of Huntingdon, and anno 1711, as one of the knights of the shire for the county of Huntingdon; and having took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter to James Herbert, of Kingsey, in com. Oxon. Esq; (a younger son of Philip, earl of Pembroke, and Montgomery,) and lady Catherine, his wife (*a*), daughter of Thomas, duke of Leeds, had issue only one daughter, Catherine, who died an infant; this lady lies interred at the east end of Connington church-yard, with this inscription on a marble tomb:

'Here lyes interred the Body of Elizabeth, late Wife of Sir John Cotton, Bart. Daughter of James Herbert, of Kingsey, in the County of Oxford, Esq; and Granddaughter of Thomas, late Duke of Leeds, who departed this Life the 11th Day of February, 1721-2, aged 42 Years.

Who

(*a*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 98.

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Who was a Woman of ſtrict Virtue, and always delighted in private Charityes.

She had one Daughter, Catherine, who died an Infant, and lyes interred with her.

Sir John, died in North-ſtreet, near Red-Lion Square, London, February the 5th, 1730-31, and was interr'd in the new burial-ground, in Lamb's-Conduit-Fields, belonging to St. George, the Martyr; where, near the eaſt corner, on a black marble monument, raiſed breaſt high, is the following inſcription:

Here lies the Body of
Sir John Cotton.
Of Connington, Bart. who died the 5th of
February, 1730, in the 52d Year of
His Age.

He was grandſon to Sir John Cotton, who gave to the Uſe of the Publick, for ever, that Library of Manuſcripts which was began to be collected by Sir Robert Cotton, and had been ſo continued for 100 Years, at an eminent Expence to his Family. This is put here by his neareſt Kinſman and heir, where, by his Will, he modeſtly directed

His Body to be laid.

A further Remembrance of him being deſign'd to be placed amongſt his Anceſtors, at Connington.

Sir John, dying without iſſue, the dignity, and part of the eſtate, went to his uncle, Sir Robert Cotton, of Gedding, in the county of Huntingdon, Bart. only ſurviving ſon of Sir John Cotton, of Connington, Bart. by his ſecond lady, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Honywood, of Marks-hall, in Eſſex, Knt.

Which Sir Robert Cotton, the preſent baronet, married firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of ——Wigſton, Eſq; by whom he hath one ſon, John Cotton, Eſq; (heir to his couſin, Sir John Cotton, Bart. before mentioned,) who married Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Burdett, of Bramcote, in Warwickſhire, Bart. by whom he had iſſue, one ſon, John, a very fine accompliſh'd young gentleman, of great expectations, who died at Durham, of the ſmall-pox, Nov. 15, 1739, and four daughters, Jane, married Oct. 1741, to Thomas Hart, of Warfield, in Berks, Eſq; Elizabeth, Frances, and Mary, who are all now living, and unmarried; beſides Robert, Mary, and Heſter,

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Heſter, who all died young. Sir Robert married to his ſecond lady, Mrs. Morton, by whom he hath no iſſue.

ARMS: Azure, an Eagle diſplay'd, Argent, which were the Arms of Ridware. The arms of Cotton, were, Argent, a bend Sable, between three Pellets.

CREST: Out of a Crown proper, a Demi-Eagle diſplay'd, Argent, beak'd, and membred Gules.

SEATS: *Connington*, and *Steeple-Gedding*, in *Huntingdonſhire*, and *Stratton*, near *Biggleſwade*, in *Bedfordſhire*.

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13. MOLINEUX, of Teverſal, Nottinghamſhire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

WHEN William the conqueror enter'd this kingdom, 1066, he was attended by many noble Normans, among whom was William des Molines (*a*), no leſs famous for his virtue, than for his noble extraction, as appears from the roll of Battle-Abby, in which liſt his name ſtandeth, the eighteenth in order; and in the moſt ancient written chronicles of the dutchy of Normandy remaining of record (*b*), it is to be ſeen, that this William des Molines, is ſet down and placed as a moſt eſpecial and chief man in nearneſs and ſingular credit with William, the conqueror, at that time when he invaded and conquered England.

To this William des Moulines or Molins, Roger de Poytiers, who was then poſſeſſed of all that tract of land in Lancaſhire, between the rivers of Ribble and Mercy, by the gift of William the conqueror; gave (*c*), among other lands, by the conſent of the conqueror, the manors of Sephton, Thorneton, Kerdon or Kuerdon, ten carucates and an half of land, at the ſervice of half a knight's fee, whereof he made Sephton his chief ſeat, wherein he was ſucceeded by Vivian, his ſon and heir.

Other accounts differ from this, and ſay (*d*), that William, and Vivian de Moulines, his brother, were in the firſt expedition of the army ſent by William the conqueror, under the conduct of Roger de Poytiers (*e*), and that the ſaid Roger, gave the lordſhip

(*a*) Ex Stemmate hujus fam. per Sir G. Dethick. (*b*) Looſe papers in the hand writing of Greg. King Lancaſter herald, in Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. I. p. 3. Penes T. W. (*c*) Collins's Baronettage, vol. I. p. 14. (*d*) Greg. King, ibid. (*e*) Called by the conqueror, his familiar in arms, and ſtiled Roger de Poytiers, becauſe he married a wife that was a Potaine, or of the province of Poytiers, he was ſon of Roger, count Mountgomerie, Arundel, and Shrewſberie, and of his wife Mabel, ſiſter and only heir of Arnald, count of Belleſmayne, in Normandy, G. King, ibid.

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ſhip of Sephton, Thorneton, and Kerdon, to Vivian de Molines, and to his poſterity, ſhortly after the entrance of the Normans (a), which is alſo agreeable to other authorities (b). Mr. Camden, in his Britannia, ſpeaking of Lirpole, (Liverpool) obſerves, 'The 'name is not to be met with in old writings; but only that Ro- 'ger de Poictiers, who was lord of the honour of Lancaſter, (ac- 'cording to the language of thoſe days) built a caſtle there; the 'government whereof was enjoy'd for a long time by the noble 'family of the Molineaux, knights, (and now lords Molineaux) 'whoſe chief ſeat is hard by, at Sefton, which the ſaid Roger de 'Poictiers beſtow'd upon Vivian de Molineaux, a little after the 'coming in of the Normans; for all the land between the Ribell 'and the Merſey, belong'd to the ſaid Roger, as appears by 'Doomſday (c).' The ſaid Vivian de Molines, (or Molans) by his wife Siwarda, had iſſue, Adam, dominus de Sefton, in com. Lanc. who held half a knight's fee at Sefton, and gave in pure and free alms to the church of the bleſſed Mary, at Cockerſand, and certain acres of land in Melling and Conſcough, under his ſeal of the Croſs Moline, circumſcrib'd, *S. Adami de Molineux*, and prov'd by the abby-book (d). This Adam held half a knight's fee in Sephton, Thorneton, and Kerdon, for the ward of the caſtle of Lancaſter; and having took to wife Annota, ſole daughter and heir of Benedict de Garnett (e), lord of Speke, in com. Lanc. had iſſue three ſons; 1. Robert; 2. Gilbert, who held by gift of his brother Robert, one plowland, in Thorneton, by knight's ſervice, as much as thereunto appertain'd. 3. Henry, who held lands of his brother; and a daughter, Siwarda, who became the wife of —— Fitzannot.

Robert, the eldeſt ſon, married Beatrice, daughter and heir of Robert de Villers (f), lord of Little-Croſby, ſon of Alan, ſon of Pagan de Villers, who enter'd England with William the conqueror, and was firſt lord of Croſby after the conqueſt. To this Robert, Stephen, earl of Bologn, who afterwards ſucceeded to the crown of England, made the grant following (g); *Stephanus Comes Bologniæ & Montaigniæ Vic. & omnibus Baronibus ſuis: Sal. Sciatis quod concedo Rob. de Molineſs terram ſuam in Liderlandt pro* 14 *Sol. per an. & ei & hæredibus ſuis; T. Rob. Dap. & Rob. de Villers, &c.* He gave two plowlands, in Kerdon, with his ſiſter Siwarda, that his brother Henry, held by knight's ſervice; and

(a) Doomſday-book, p. 14. (b) Thoroton, in his antiquities of Nottinghamſhire, p. 269, makes Vivian, brother of William, the anceſtor of this family, and for the deſcent quotes, Genealogia iſta de Mulans collecta fuit per Sam. Roper, Ar. & remanet pen. Ric. Dom. Byron. (c) Camden's Britannia, vol. II. p. 969. (d) Adamus ille dictus Mulans dedit in puram perpetuam elimoſinam beatæ Mariæ de Cockerſand quoſdam acras terræ apud Meling & Conſcough v^t. patet in libro antigno abbatiæ prædictæ, Greg. King, ibid. (e) This Annota, daughter of Benedict de Garnett, is prov'd by ancient knight's fees of Lancaſter. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 3. (f) The match with de Villers, prov'd by an ancient book of the eſcheator of Lancaſter, ibid. (g) Lib. Scacc.

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and out of them, he gave three acres to our lady of Cockerſand, in free alms (*a*).

He was ſucceeded by his ſon Richard, who paid 20s. for relief of half a knight's fee, in Sephton, Thorneton, and Kerdon, which Adam de Molines formerly held (*b*); and gave one plowland to Richard de Thorneton, for the yearly rent of a pound of pepper; and to Raymond de Lytherlandt, two oxgangs, in Lytherlandt, to hold by knight's ſervice; and to Simon, his only brother, lands called Haſſencroſt, on the way between Sephton and Thorneton, to hold by homage and due ſervice, as appears by the grant, wrote in a ſtrange old form and character.

Sciant omnes qui ſunt, & qui futuri ſunt quod ego Ricardus de Moulans dedi & hac preſenti charta mea confirmavi Simoni fratri meo pro homagio ſuo & ſervicio Haſencroſte ſcilicet totam terram que ſe extendit in longitudine de ſicco de Yccefelt uſque propinquiorem ſiccum prædicto Haſencroſte apud viam inter Sefton & Thornton. His teſtibus Ric. pa. de Sefton præobend. pa. de Walton filo fil. & Viviano Mulans Simone de Thornton qui iſtam chartam ſcripſit & multis aliis (*c*). The ſeal appendant, a Croſs Flory, and the inſcription round it, *Sigillum Ricardi de Mulynaus.* Having married Edith, daughter of Aumary Pincerna, (*i. e.* Butler) of Warrington, he had iſſue, Adam, and Robert, who held three oxgangs in Thorneton, by knight's ſervice, of his father; of which Robert, proceeded Richard, father to another Robert, of Thorneton, progenitor to thoſe of Mellingwood.

Adam, the eldeſt ſon of Robert, ſucceeded at Sephton, being ſtil'd dominus Adam de Molineus, and was a witneſs to the grant of the fourth part of the ville of Maghull, by Simon de Halſal (*d*), ſans date, in theſe words;

Fuit Adamus per nomen domini Adami de Molyneux teſtes donationis quartæ partis villæ de Maghull, dat per Simonem de Halſull, per ſcript. ſans dat. (*e*) He held the fourth part, and the twentieth part of a knight's fee, in Little-Croſby (*f*), by deſcent, and was in commiſſion for the perambulation of foreſts, 12 Hen. III. as appears by an extract taken out of the records in the Tower (*g*). (*h*) his wife was Letice de Brinley, and their iſſue, William, and Roger.

This Adam is ſuppoſed to be the knight who was portray'd (in the glaſs of three windows, in the upper part of Bridgnorth church, in com. Salop.) in antique mail, cloth'd with a ſurcoat, and girt with his ſword and ſpurs; over which is an equilateral triangular ſhield, on which the arms of Molineux are depicted.

Roger,

(*a*) Prov'd p. lib. Scac. Le Neve, ibid. (*b*) Inq. 12 and 13 Joh. (*c*) G. King's Papers, ibid. (*d*) Charta Famil. penes. (*e*) G. King's Papers. (*f*) Prov'd by book of Fees of Lanc. and Derby, fo. 1. Le Neve, ibid. (*g*) G. King's Papers, ibid. (*h*) Extract. Record. Lond.

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Roger, the youngeſt ſon, bore for his arms (*a*), the Croſs Argent, quarter-piec'd, and had iſſue, William, father to James, who having married Margaret, the daughter and heir of William de Aula, de Brentworth, left his eſtate to his two daughters, his coheirs; Julian, married to Richard de Windſor, lord of Stanwell, in Middleſex, from whom are deſcended the preſent earl of Plymouth, and lord Windſor; and Agnes, to Sir Robert Markham, Knt.

Sir William de Molineus of Sefton, Knt. eldeſt ſon of Adam, was reckon'd among thoſe in com. Lanc. who had fifteen *Liberatas Terræ*, and over, held by knights ſervice, and was call'd to receive the degree of knighthood, by Philip de Ulneſby, ſheriff of that county, 40 Hen. III. A. D. 1256. He gave to William, ſon of his brother Roger, lands in Netherton, near Sefton, to hold by knights ſervice, and the yearly rent of an halfpenny, by a deed without date; and by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Alan de Thornton, Knt. had three ſons, Sir Richard, William, and Simon; to the two latter, their father gave lands in Letherland. And,

Sir Richard inherited, who gave to Thomas, his ſon, the Edge, (others call it the Hegg) within his demeſne of Sefton, to hold at the rent of one penny yearly; and to Peter, another ſon, by charter without date, lands call'd Ireland, at ſix-pence yearly payment during life; and to Richard, ſon of Thomas de Wykeſſehon, his heirs and aſſigns, *unam placeam* of his lands in Little-Croſby, at the annual rent of a penny; to which, as witneſſes, ſubſcrib'd Richard de Molineus, William de Aytre, Robert de Molineus, and many others. The ſeal, a *Lion rampant*, with the inſcription of Sir Richard ——

By Emme, his wife, daughter of —— Done, he had three ſons, 1. Sir William. 2. Thomas, who bore for arms, *Azure a Cheveron, between three croſs Molines, Or.* He releaſed all his right of common of paſture in the marſh of Richard, of Hawkley, from whom are deſcended the Molineuxes of that place. 3. Peter: alſo a daughter, Joan, a nun at Leiceſter.

Sir William Molyneux, the eldeſt ſon, was dubbed knight banneret, in Gaſcoigny, by (*b*) Edmond, ſurnamed Crookeback, earl of Lancaſter, ſecond ſon to Henry III. anno 14 Edw. I. He lies buried, with the following inſcription:

> (*c*) Hic jacet Willus Molyneux, Baneretus, factus in Gaſconia cum illuſtri Principe Edmondo, dicto Gibboſo com. Lancaſtrie. M.CC.LXXXIX.

He married Iſabel; daughter of Scariſbrick, and had iſſue a ſon, Richard, and a daughter, Jane, married to Robert de Erneys. This

(*a*) Ex Stemmate. (*b*) Greg. King, ibid. (*c*) Ibid.

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This Sir William, did grant his manor of de Speeke, in marriage with Joan, his daughter, to Robert de Erneys, with ward and relief of Sir Patterick de Haſſwell, to hold of him for ſixteen-pence by the year (*a*). Sir Richard, his ſon, aged ſeventeen at the death of his father, and in the wardſhip and cuſtody of John, duke of Lancaſter (*b*), married Agatha, daughter and heir of Sir Roger Illerton, Knt. and had iſſue, 1. Sir William. 2. Richard, of Larbeck, Wynnerſley, &c. whoſe ſon Richard, died S. P. 3. John, to whom his father gave lands in Netherton. 4. Thomas, of Kennerdal, who was ſlain in battle, temp. Ric. II. he married the daughter and heir of Alexander de Kennerdall, and left iſſue, a daughter and heir, married to Oſbaldeſton, of Oſbaldeſton. 5. Roger, of Raynhull, whoſe grandaughter and heir was married to Lancaſter.

Sir William de Molineux, the eldeſt ſon and heir, had two wives; the firſt was Joan, the daughter and heir of Jordan Ellall, foreſter of Wyreſdale, by Alice his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas de Twenge. The ſecond, was the lady Margaret, widow and relict of Sir Robert Holland, of Enkeſton, Knt. (brother to Sir Thomas Holland, knight of the garter) and daughter and heir of Sir Alan Heyton, of Buſhell, Knt. By the former he had ſeveral ſons; 1. Sir William. 2. Sir Thomas, of Kuerdale, who added a *Flower-de-luce Argent* in the *dexter Canton* of his arms. This Sir Thomas Molyneux, was conſtable of Cheſter, a man of high valiauncy, and of great power, authority, and ſpecial credit in Cheſhire and Lancaſhire, to whom the king expreſsly writ, and ſent, commanding him to raiſe a power and force, ſafely to conduct Robert de Vere, duke of Ireland, his dear and moſt familiar friend, to his preſence, and not to reſpect any charges, travel or pain whatſoever; who, humbly obeying his prince's commandment, and for the ſpecial love he bore to his native country, raiſed a power of 5000 men, and brought the ſaid duke as far as Radcot-bridge, four miles diſtant from Chipping-Norton, where, being prevented of this intent and purpoſe, and beſet on every ſide by the duke of Glouceſter, and the earls of Derby, Warwick, and Nottingham, and others of their familiar aſſociation and ſociety, was forced, for his better ſafety, to take the water, hoping, as the duke before him did, to have eſcaped the force of his enemies: howbeit, contrary to his expectation, it fell out, for there he was ſlain by Sir Thomas Mortymer; this happen'd in the eleventh year of Rich. II. 1388 (*c*). 3. Sir John Molineux, of Croſby, who bore his *croſs Moline, crown'd, Or*; and left three daughters, his heirs; one married to Blundell,

(*a*) G. King, ibid. Penes T. W. (*b*) Inquiſit. 37. Edw. III. (*c*) Ex MSS. G. King,

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Blundell, of Croſby; another, to Robert Erneys; and the other, to Charnock, of Aſton. 4. Richard, parſon of the church of Sefton, (who, to the field of his arms, added *ſemi de France*, for diſtinction;) alſo Robert, Peter, and Simon.

William, the eldeſt ſon of the laſt Sir William, was likewiſe a knight. He granted to Sir John Dalton, a yearly rent-charge of fiftymarks, to be received out of all his lands of Ellall, as appears by a deed now in the family, dated at Biſham, on Saturday, the vigil of the holy trinity, 43 Edward III.

He was a perſon of great courage and accompliſhments, diſtinguiſh'd himſelf at the battle of Navarret, in Spain, under Edward, the black prince, and was there made a knight baneret, anno 1367. Under his command he ſerv'd in all thoſe wars (*a*), as he did in thoſe of France; and in his return homewards, died at Canterbury, A. D. 1372, and was there buried, with this epitaph:

(*b*) Miles honorificus Molyneus ſubjacet intus:
Tertius Edvardus dilexit hunc ut Amicus.
Fortia qui geſſit, Gallos, Navarroſq; repreſſit,
Hinc cum receſſit, morte feriente deceſſit.
Anno Milleno Trecento Septuageno,
Atque his junge duo; ſic perit omnis Homo.

He left an heir to his eſtate, by Jane his wife, daughter and coheir to Sir Robert Holland, Knt. (by Margaret, daughter of Sir Alan Heyton, Knt.) viz.

Sir Richard Molineux, Knt. who, 1 Henry IV. was found couſin and next heir of Thomas Chatterton (*c*), of Ellall, viz. ſon of Sir William Molineux, Knt. ſon of William, ſon of Joan, daughter of Alice, ſiſter of Laderina, mother to Alan, father of Alan, father of William, who was father to (the aforeſaid) Thomas Chatterton.

This Sir Richard, was high ſheriff of the county of Lanc. for life; and, with Sir Robert de Urſewill, ſerv'd as knights of that ſhire in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, 20 Richard II. and had for their expences, for thirty-four days attendance, 13l. 12s. (*d*) He took to wife Ellen, daughter of Sir Thomas Urſewick, Knt. who, it is probable, had been eſcaetor of that county: for an office was taken before him, upon the death of Thomas Molineux, of Cuerdale, (uncle to Sir Richard;) the import whereof was, that the reverſion of the lands and tenements ought to deſcend to Sir William Molyneux, Kt. as ſon and heir of Richard Molyneux, of Sefton; and from that William, to Sir William Molyneux, Knt. and from him, to Richard Molyneux, then living, under

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies, p. 113. (*b*) Weaver's Fun. Mon. p. 234. (*c*) Offi oft Mort. 1 Hen. IV. (*d*) Prynn's Regiſt. p. 438.

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under age, and in cuſtody of John, duke of Lancaſter (*a*), king of Caſtile and Leon. The ſaid Ellen, was afterwards married to Sir Thomas Savage, Knt. but by her firſt huſband ſhe had two daughters, Agnes, wife of Thomas Clifton, Eſq; and Anne, married to Richard Nevil, of Leverſidge; and three ſons, 1. Richard. 2. Adam, L. L. D. who was elected dean of Saliſbury, Oct. 24, 1441 (*b*), and ſome time clerk of the council: he was conſecrated biſhop of Chicheſter, 1445, and preſently after, had the keeping of the privy-ſeal committed to him, by Henry VI. He was murder'd at Portſmouth, June 9, 1449 (*c*), by mariners procured by Richard, duke of York (*d*); He gave to the high altar, certain rich clothes of crimſon velvet. And 3. Robert, who was found heir to his brother Adam, by the *Inquiſit. poſt mortem.* Which Robert, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Baldwin L'Eſtrange, Knt. and left only a daughter, his ſole heir, and wife of Sir William Troutbeck, Knt. whoſe daughter and heir, Ellen, was married to Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton, Eſq;

Sir Richard, ſon and heir of the laſt Sir Richard, eminently diſtinguiſhed himſelf in the wars of France, at the battle of Agincourt, and received the honour of knighthood, in the reign of Henry V. He was in favour alſo with Henry VI. who, by letters patent, gave to him, his ſons, and their heirs, the chief foreſterſhip of the royal foreſts and parks, in weſt Derbyſhire; the Stewardſhip in Salfordſhire; and the office of conſtable of Leverpool, as the following record teſtifies:

Henricus, Dei gratia Rex Angl. &c. Nos grata & laudabilia Obſequia quæ Ric. Molineux, Miles, & Ric. filius ejus, Arm. Nobis multipliciter impenderunt & indies impendere non deſiſtunt conſiderantes, &c. Conſtituimus & ordinavimus ipſos Ricardum & Ricardum, tam Magiſtrum Foreſtar. Foreſtæ & Parcorum noſtrum in Wapentag' de Weſt Derbyſhire, quam Servitium noſtr' in eodem Wapentag' noſtro, & Wapentag' noſtro de Salfordſhire, eodem Com. Ac etiam de Gratia noſtra, &c. conceſſ. ejiſd. Rico. & Rico. Officium Conſtabular noſtr. de Leverpool, habend. & tenend. ejiſd. & Hæred. Maſculis, &c. Dat. apud Brandon, Ann. Regni viceſſ. quarto, 28° Die Julii.

He was ſlain at Blore-heath, in Staffordſhire, together with the lord Audley, and divers others of no mean account (*e*), 38 Henry VI. 1460.

He had two wives, viz. 1. Joan, daughter and heir of Sir Gilbert Haydock, Knt. relict of Sir Peter Leigh, of Lyme, in com. Ceſtr. Knt. and by her had ſeveral ſons; 1. Richard, anceſtor to the preſent lord viſcount Molineux. 2. Thomas, of Haughton, in

(*a*) Inquiſ. taken at Preſton, in Amounderneſſe, 11 Ric. II. Ex MSS. G. King. (*b*) Le Neve's Faſti eccleſ. Ang. p. 263. (*c*) Rymer's Fæd. vol. XI. p. 107. (*d*) Godwin's Cat. of Biſhops, 4to. p. 472. (*e*) G. King, ibid.

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Nottinghamshire, whose posterity we are now to treat of. 3. John, rector of Sefton. 4. Henry, 5. Gilbert, who married the lady of Cheneys, in com. Bucks. 6. Edward. 7. Robert. 8. William. The daughters were, Catherine, wife of Sir Robert Ratcliff, Knt. and afterwards, of John Stanhope, Esq; Elizabeth, married to Sir Richard Southworth, Knt. and Joan, to Robert Preston, Esq;

By a second wife, Helen, daughter of —— Radcliff, of the Tower, and relict of Sir William Harrington, he had two daughters, Anne, married to Richard Nevil, of Leversedge; and Margaret, to Sir Peter Leigh, of Bradley, Knt. Sir Richard's first lady, Joan, lies buried, with the following inscription over her:

> Hic jacet Domina Joanna Molyneux, Ux. Petri Legh, Militis, & postea Uxor Ric. Molyneux, Militis, quæ fuit Domina de Bradley, & similiter tertiæ partis Villarum de Warrington, Mickleſoukie, & Burton-Wood, ac etiam Domina diversarum parcellarum Terrarum & Testamentorum infra Villa de Newton, Goulborne, Lawton, Bold & Walton in le dale, quæ obiit in Festo Scti Sulpini Episcopi, An. Dom. 1439. Cujus Animæ propitietur Deus quid plus. (*a*)

Sir Thomas Molineux, Knt. second son of Sir Richard Molineux, Knt. was possessed of Houghton, Hawton, or Houton, in com. Nott. He was one of the privy-council to King Edw. IV. and behaving himself valiantly in the expedition into Scotland, anno 1482, was made a knight banneret, by Richard, duke of Gloucester, at Berwick (*b*); and in the said year he built the church, and a fair house, at Hawton; and dying 6 Hen. VII. was buried in the north isle of the chancel of the said church, where an old cross-legg'd monument of a knight, is yet remaining, on which is the arms of a *cross Moline quarterpierc'd*, with this inscription:

> Hic jacet Thomas Molineux, Bannerettus, factus in recuperatione Ville Barwick, in manibus Scotorum, An. Dom. 1482, per manus Ricardi, Ducis Gloucesteriæ, postea Regis Angliæ. (*c*)

He married two wives; first, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Markham, of Cotham. in com. Nott. Knt. who bore him a son, Robert, of whom hereafter, and a daughter, Elizabeth, first married to John Becard, and secondly to Stephen Hatfield, of Willoughby, Esq; (*d*) secondly, Catherine (*e*), daughter of John Cotton, of Ridware, in com. Staff. Esq; (*f*), (by his second wife, a daughter of Nicholas

(*a*) MSS. sub manu G. King, penes T. W. But it don't mention where buried, but probably at Sefton. (*b*) Nom. Equit. in Bib. Cotton. (*c*) G. King, ibid. (*d*) Le Neve, vol. I. p. 36. and Thoroton's Nott. p. 129. (*e*) Ibid, p. 37. (*f*) Some MSS. say, this Sir Thomas, and his second wife, Catherine, were buried in Beauvale-abbey, a house of religious charters.

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cholas Fitzherbert, of Norbury, in com. Staff. Esq;) and relict (a) of Thomas Poutrell, of Hallam, in Derbyshire, Esq; by whom he had two sons, Sir Edmund, one of the justices of the common-pleas, 4 Edw. VI. and Anthony, D. D. rector of Sefton and Walton, in Lancashire, and Tring, in com. Hert. a man of great integrity, and rare sanctimony of life, also a bountiful housekeeper, and most liberal and beneficial to the poor; who moreover, left behind him, remaining and continuing at Sefton, many most worthy and memorable acts, for the perpetual continuance of his worthy name, fame and memory. He departed this life, *anno quinto Reginæ Mariæ (b)*: and two daughters, Ellen, married to John Bond, of Coventry, remarried to Laurence Ireland, of Lidiat; and Margaret, to Sir Hugh Willoughby, of Risley, in com. Derb. Knt.

Sir Edmund Molineux, knight of the Bath (c), eldest son by the second venter, had the manor of Thorp, near Newark, and bought the lands which were (d) the knights hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, in that place, belonging to the preceptory of the eagle, in the county of Lincoln, formerly the knights templers; and being first called to the degree of a serjeant at law, was made one of the justices of the common-pleas, 4 Ed. VI. In 6 Ed. VI. he held the manor of Kneveton, in com. Nott. of the king, in capite, by the service of the fortieth part of a knight's fee. He was a man (e) of a very mild spirit, modest and courteous behaviour, affable, fine, neat, cleanly, gracious and acceptable to all sorts of men, well-beloved, and not meanly regarded and esteemed where he carried authority and had place of government; who, for his integrity, honest plainness and sincerity, coupled with an ancestor kind, of godly life and sanctimony; was a man for these respects, greatly to be admir'd, honour'd, and reverenced. He died the last year of Ed. VI. His lady was (f) Jane, daughter of John Cheyney, of Chesham-boys, in the county of Bucks, Esq; by whom he had several children: 1. John. 2. Thomas, who married Jane, daughter of Sir Richard Molineux, of Sephton, Knt. 3. Edmund. 4. Anthony; and 5. Christopher: also two daughters, Margaret, wife to Francis Fletcher, Esq; (whose son, Francis, married Frances, daughter of Francis Molineux, Esq;) and Dorothy, wife to Robert Purslow.

John Molineux, of Thorp, the eldest son, married Anne, daughter of George Lascells, of Gatford, in com. Nott. Esq; and had issue, Edmund Molineux, of Thorp, Esq; and Rutland Molineux, of Woodcotes, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Cuthbert Bevercotes (g), of Bevercotes, in com. Nott. Esq; This

(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 13. (b) G. King, MSS. (c) Le Neve, vol. I. p. 36.
(d) Thoroton's Nott. p. 179. (e) Papers, sub manu G. King, penes T. W.
(f) Ibid. (g) Thoroton's Nott. p. 442.

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Rutland, ſold Bevercotes, and other lands (*a*), to the earl of Clare. Edmond married, firſt, ———, the daughter of John Hearle, Eſq; and had a daughter, Anne, who, 'tis preſum'd, died unmarried: his ſecond wife, was Bridget, daughter and coheir of Robert Sapcotes, Eſq; by whom he had (*b*) Sir John Molineux, of Thorp, Knt. Edmond, and Richard.

Robert, only ſon of Sir Thomas, by his firſt wife, ſucceeded to the inheritance at Hawton: he had, by Dorothy his wife, daughter of Thomas Poutrell, of Weſt-Hallam, in com. Derb. Eſq; ſeveral ſons: Thomas, who died without iſſue; Richard, William, (who left a daughter and heir, Dorothy, married firſt to George Cartwright, of Oſſington, in com. Nott. Eſq; (*c*) and ſecondly, to William Dabridgecourt.) Robert, and Edmond; and four daughters: Anna, married to Veale; Elizabeth, Catherine, and Mary. In the chancel of Hawton church, in com. Nott. on a piece of braſs, upon a plain ſtone, was this inſcription for the ſaid Robert, the father, and Dorothy, his wife.

> Of your Charity, pray for the Soules of Robert Molineux, Eſq; and Dorothy, his Wife, which Robert deceaſed 13 April, 1539.

In the ſame church, lies his brother William, and Margaret his wife; which William, died the laſt day of October, 1541 (*d*).

Richard, the eldeſt ſurviving ſon, 22 Hen. VIII. had lands in Hawton, &c. ſettled on him, in conſideration of a marriage between him the ſaid Richard, and Margaret, daughter of Edmond Buſſy, of Hather, in com. Linc. Eſq; which marriage took effect, and he had iſſue by her, a ſon and a daughter, Francis, and Mary, married to Daniel Diſney.

Which Francis, married Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter and coheir of Thomas Greenhalgh, ſon of Roger Greenhalgh, of Teverſal, in com. Nott. Eſq; by whom he came poſſeſſed of the manor of Teverſal. He was high ſheriff of the county of Nottingham, 24 Eliz. and had iſſue five ſons, Thomas, Gervaſe, John, Robert, and Richard, and two daughters; Jane, married to (*e*) Francis Linley, of Skegby, in com. Nott. Eſq; and Frances, to Francis Fletcher, of Stockbald, Eſq;

Thomas, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the manors of Hawton and Teverſal; and by his wife, Alice, daughter and coheir of Thomas Cranmer, of (*f*) Aſlacton, in com. Nott Eſq; (great nephew to the famous archbiſhop Cranmer) had iſſue two ſons, John, and Thomas; and a daughter, married to (*g*) Sir Anthony Thorold, of Marſton, in Lincolnſhire, Knt. the ſaid Alice, had for her ſecond

(*a*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 442. (*b*) Ibid. p. 269. (*c*) Le Neve, vol. I. p. 36. Thoroton's Nott. p. 355. (*d*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 182. (*e*) Ibid. p. 268. (*f*) Ibid. p. 238, 342. (*g*) Le Neve's MSS. of the Baronets, vol. II. p. 198. and Thorold's account, poſtea.

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second husband, Sir John Thorold, of Cawnton, in com. Nott. Knt. (a) This Thomas, dying anno 1597, was succeeded in the estate by John, his eldest son.

Which John, had a grant from Queen Elizabeth of the lordships or manors of (b) Carleton, Kingston, and Carleton-baron, and all singular messuages, lands, &c. in Carleton in Lindrick, Worsop, Ellesley, Normanton, little Morton, Wallingwells, Austr. Reyton, and Reyton-Grange, in com. Ebor. & Nott. which were late the possessions of Thomas, lord Dacre, which his descendants afterward sold to Sir Gervase Clifton, Bart. (c) he was sheriff of Nottinghamshire (d), 7 and 9 Jac. I. and was knighted by King James I. at Whitehall, Nov. 10, 16[illegible], and the next year was advanced to the degree of a baronet. He liv'd in great splendor, beyond the income of his estate, (tho' large) which forc'd him to sell part of it. He mortgag'd his manor of Hawton to Sir John Leek, which afterwards became the inheritance of the earl of Scarsdale. He married two wives, first, Isabel, daughter of John Markham, of Sedgbrook, in com. Linc. Esq; by whom he had Sir Francis, his successor, and Thomas, who died without issue: Mary, married to Michael Fawkes, of Farneley; Elizabeth, to Gilbert Gregory, of Barnbidin; both in com. Ebor. Esqrs. Anne, and Elizabeth. Secondly, Anne, daughter of Sir James Harrington, of Ridlington, in com. Rutl. Knt. widow of Sir Thomas Foljamb, Knt. by whom he had a son, colonel Roger Molineux, who married Jane (e), the eldest daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Monson, of Carleton, in com. Linc. Knt.

Sir Francis Molineux, Bart. son and heir of Sir John, made Teversal his principal residence for some years, till he settled it on John, his eldest son, having made Kneveton a fit habitation, where he died, 12 Octob. 1674, aged seventy-two years. He married Theodosia, daughter of Sir Edward Heron, of Cressy, in Lincolnshire, knight of the Bath, by whom he had issue, Sir John, his successor, and Francis, of Mansfield, in com. Nott. who married Grace, daughter of Conyers, lord Darcy, of Hornby-castle, Yorkshire, (relict of George Best, of Middleton, in com. Ebor. Esq; and afterwards, of Moses Janes, Esq;) by whom he had issue, two sons; Darcy Molineux, Esq; the eldest, took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Basset, of Doncaster, in com. Ebor. (and left issue two sons, William, and John.) Francis, second son, married Mary, daughter of Charles Tanckred, of Whixley, in com. Ebor. Esq; (and had four daughters, of whom, Dorothy married Lucius Henry, lord viscount Falkland.) The daughters of Sir Francis, were, Elizabeth, wife of Hugh Cartwright, of Hexgrave, in com. Nott. Esq; Theodosia, married to Edward Bunney, of Newland, in com. Ebor. Esq; Anne, and Isabel.

(a) Thoroton's Nott. p. 140. (b) Ibid. p. 466. (c) Ibid. (d) Fuller's Worthies in Nott. (e) Collins's Peerage, vol. IV. p. 500.

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Sir John Molineux, Bart. ſucceſſor to his father, was born in 1623; and taking to wife, Lucy, daughter of Alexander Rigby, of Middleton, in Lancaſhire, Eſq; one of the barons of the exchequer, and widow of Robert Heſketh, of Rufford, in the ſaid county, Eſq; had iſſue three ſons, Sir Francis; John, who died unmarried, and Thomas, formerly a Turkey merchant, but afterwards, of Preſton, in Lancaſhire, who married Mary, daughter of Gilbert Mundy, of Alleſtree, in com. Derb. Eſq; and dying May 25, 1727, left iſſue one ſon, Rigby Molineux, Eſq; who married a daughter of Oliver Martin, of Lancaſter, Eſq; and one daughter, Mary, married firſt to John Buſhell, M. D. and ſecondly, to captain Griffiths. Sir John, had likewiſe ſeveral daughters, of whom, Mary, married the honourable Rich Leek, Eſq; father of the late earl of Scarſdale; and Elizabeth, Edmond Jodrell, of Erdſley, in com. Ceſtr. Eſq;

Sir Francis Molineux, of Teverſal, the preſent baronet, ſucceeded his father, anno 1691; he ſerv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Nottingham, in the reign of Q. Anne; and having married Diana, daughter of John How, of Langar-caſtle, in com. Nott. Eſq; and ſiſter to the late Scroop, lord viſcount How, had iſſue ſeven ſons: 1. John. 3. Scroop. 4. Charles; and 6. William, all deceas'd. Francis, ſecond ſon, was one of the verdurers of Sherwood foreſt; he married Mary, daughter and coheir of — Brewer, near Briſtol, Eſq; and died at Wincheſter, October, 1733 (*a*), leaving only two daughters, Diana, and Mary.

Charles, the fifth, but eldeſt ſurviving ſon, is as yet unmarried. William, the youngeſt ſon, is one of the verdurers of Sherwood foreſt; he married the only daughter and heir of William Challand, of Welhaw, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; (*b*) and has iſſue, one ſon, and two daughters, Francis, Anne, and Juliana: the three daughters of Sir Francis, were, Annabella, who married John Plumptree, Eſq; member in the preſent parliament for the town of Nottingham, and treaſurer of the ordnance, (father of John Plumptree, Eſq; one of the commiſſioners of the ſtamp-office, and others) Lucy, married to Charles Croke Liſle, of Moyle's-Court, in com. South. Eſq; and Diana.

ARMS: Azure, a croſs Moline, quarterpeirc'd, Or.

CREST: Out of a Cap of Dignity, a Peacock's Tail, in her Pride, proper. Tho' this family, for their valiant ſervices done in Scotland, had granted them for a Creſt, a dexter Hand, iſſuant out of Flames of Fire, holding an Eagle's Leg eraſed, all proper.

SEAT: At *Teverſal*, in *Nottinghamſhire*.

14. SAVILE,

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Fra. Molyneux, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

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14. SAVILE, of Thornhill, Yorkſhire.

(Sir GEORGE, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS family is certainly of very great antiquity, and ſome have imagined them to be deſcended from the family of Savelli, in Italy, accounted one of the ancienteſt in the world, (Dr. Littleton, in his dictionary, on the uſage of changing the letter b into y, inſtances, as from the Sabelli, of Rome, the Saviles in England) whereof ſome were conſuls before (*a*), and after our Saviour; and Mr. Richardſon, in his preface to Sir John Savile's reports of law-caſes, temp. Eliz. mentions, the duke de Savilli to own, as his near relation, John, ſecond ſon of that Sir John, when he made him a viſit in Italy.

That the name and family were very numerous in Yorkſhire, and came laſt from the province of Anjou, in France, (on the frontiers whereof were two towns of this name) into England (*b*), ſeveral pedigrees teſtify.

1. The firſt we find mentioned, is Sir John Savile, of Savile-hall, in Yorkſhire (*c*), who married the daughter of Sir Simon de Rockley, and had iſſue,

2. John, who married the daughter of Sir Roger Aldwark.

3. Henry, his ſon, married the daughter and heir of John Golcar, Eſq;

4. Thomas, his ſon, married the daughter and heir of Sir Richard Tankerſley, Knt. by whom he had, firſt, Sir John Savile, Knt. hereafter mention'd; ſecondly, Henry Savile, Eſq; (*d*), who married, about the year 1300 (*e*), Ellen, daughter and heir of Thomas Copley, of Copley, in com. Ebor. Eſq; whereby he became poſſeſſed of that eſtate, and was anceſtor to the Saviles, of Copley, of whom, in a lineal deſcent, was John Savile, Eſq; created baronet, July 24, 1662, who, by Mary, daughter of Clement Paſton, of Barningham, in Norfolk, Eſq; left one daughter, his ſole heir, viz. Elizabeth-Mary, married to the lord Thomas Howard, father of the preſent duke of Norfolk. And from a younger ſon of the ſaid Henry, deſcended Henry Savile, of Bradley, Eſq; who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Ramſden, Gent, was father of three ſons; 1. Sir John Savile, baron of the exchequer. 2. Sir Henry Savile. 3. Thomas. Sir John Savile, the eldeſt ſon, born at Bradley-hall, in Stainland, in the pariſh of Halifax, 1545, became a com-

(*a*) Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I. p. 335. (*b*) Ex infor. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Wright's Hiſt. of Halifax, p. 151.

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commoner of Braſen-noſe college, in 1561 (*a*), or thereabouts, where, laying a conſiderable foundation of academical learning, was taken thence before he could attain to a degree in the univerſity, and ſent to the Middle-Temple, where, making great proficiency in the law, was called to the bar, fell into conſiderable practice, became autumn-reader of that houſe, 28 Eliz. 1586, made ſteward of the lordſhip of Wakefield, and called to the degree and honour of the coif, in 1594; made one of the barons of the exchequer, 1598; and about that time, one of the juſtices of aſſize. When King James I. came to the crown, he not only continu'd him in his place of baron, but alſo conferr'd on him, juſt before his coronation, the honour of knighthood, 23 July, 1603, being then one of the judges that was to attend that ſolemnity. He was reputed to be very learned in the laws of the land, and was a great friend to Mr. Camden (*b*), when he went into Yorkſhire to make his obſervations, and gather proper materials for the compoſing of his Britannia: he died at London, Feb. 2, 1606, aged ſixty-one. His body was buried at St. Dunſtan's, in the weſt, in Fleet-ſtreet, and his heart carried to Methley, in Yorkſhire, where it was buried, in an iſle joining on the ſouth ſide of the church, amongſt his anceſtors; ſoon after was a very ſtately monument erected over it, with the effigies thereon of the deceaſed, in his judge's robes (cut out from ſtone) lying thereon; bearing the following inſcription (*c*):

M. S.

Viri clariſſimi & Judicis integerrimi Johannis Savile Equitis aurati, Scaccarii Regii Baronum unius, ac ex ſpeciali gratia Regis in proprio Comitatu ſuo Juſticiarii Aſſiz. Filii & Hæredis Henrici Savile de Overbradley, in Stainland, juxta Ealand, in iſto agro Eboracen. Armigeri, ex antiqua Savillorum proſapia oriundi: Qui ſecundo die Februarii An. Dom. 1606, Ætatis 61. Londini (ubi corpus ejus in Eccleſia ſancti Dunſtani in Occidente inhumatur, cor vero hic inter Anteceſſores) placidiſſime in Domino obdormivit.

Vir fuit pietatis zelo, ingenii perſpicacia, morum ſuavitate, rerum Principis & Patriæ agendarum dexteritate, variis & exquiſitis animi dotibus undique conſpicuus.

Ex Uxore prima Jana Filia Richardi Garth de Morden, in Com. Surr. Armigeri habuit Henricum Savile poſtea Militem & Baronettum in hoc tumulo repoſitum, Eliſabetham Uxorem Johannis Jackſon Militis defunctam, & Janam Uxorem Henrici Gooderick Militis modo viventem: Ex Uxore ſecunda Eliſabetha filia Thomæ Wentworth de Elmſhall, in Com. Ebor. Armigeri habuit Johannem Savile ſuperſtitem præfati fratris ſui Succeſſorum & hæredem propinquum, & Helenam quæ in minori ætate obiit.

Patri pientiſſimo filius obſequentiſſimus ſuperſtes ſupradictus hoc amoris Memoraculo parentavit.

He married four wives: by his firſt wife, Jane, daughter of Richard

(*a*) Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I. p. 334. (*b*) Wright's Antiq. of Halliſax, p. 141. (*c*) Ibid. 143.

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Richard Garth, of Morden, in Surry, Esq; he had one son, Sir Henry Savile, of Methley, in com. Ebor. knighted at the coronation of King James I. and by the same king created a baronet; but his issue male failing, that title became extinct. Sir John, by this lady, had also two daughters; Elizabeth, married to Sir John Jackson, of Hickleton, in Yorkshire, Knt. and Jane, to Sir Henry Gooderick, of Ribstan, in the same county, Bart. Sir John married, secondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Wentworth, of Elmshall, in Yorkshire, Esq; relict of Richard Tempest, of Bowling, Esq; by whom he had one son, John, (heir to Sir Henry, his half brother) ancestor to the Saviles, of Methley, (which ended in a daughter and heir, married to the honourable John Finch, Esq; brother to the earl of Aylesford, who died Jan. 1739-40.) His third wife was Dorothy, daughter of the lord Wentworth, of the South, relict of Sir William Widmerpool, and Sir Martin Forbisher, Knts. and his fourth, Margery, daughter of Ambrose Peate, citizen of London, and relict of Sir Jerom Weston, Knt. by the two last he had no issue.

The second son of Henry Savile, of Bradley, Esq; aforesaid, was the learned Sir Henry Savile: he was born at Bradley-hall, Nov. 30, 1549; he became batchelor of arts, 1565 *(a)*, and about that time was elected fellow of Merton-college, Oxford, in 1570, he took his degree of master of arts; and growing famous for his skill in the Greek language, and mathematicks, he was elected proctor of the university, for two years, 1575, 1576. In 1578, he travelled into France, and other countries, and improving himself in learning, languages, and the knowledge of men, returned a most accomplish'd person: about that time he became tutor to Queen Elizabeth in the Greek tongue, who had a great esteem for him; in 1585, he was made warden of Merton-college, and in 1596, provost of Eaton-college, which he improved with riches and literature: he was afterwards *(b)* employed by Queen Elizabeth, as her resident in the Low-countries. When King James I. came to the crown, he had a great respect for him and his learning, and would have advanced him to higher dignities either in church or state, but he refused them, and only accepted of the honour of knighthood from his majesty, at Windsor, Sept. 21, 1604. He married Margaret, daughter of George Dacres, of Chesthunt, in Hertfordshire, Esq; and had one son, Henry, and a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Sir John Sedley, of Aylesford, in Kent. Bart. About the year 1604, his son Henry dying, he bestow'd great part of his estate in publishing books, particularly, St. Chrisostom's works, in Greek, a noble edition of which he printed at Eaton-college, 1613, in 8 vol. folio, to which he added his own learned notes, in which he was assisted by several learned men: the

(*a*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. I p. 466. (*b*) Ex Inscr. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar.

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the expence of this edition, including what he paid to ſome learned men whom he employed abroad to obtain the beſt copies of St. Chriſoſtom, coſt him above 8000l. In 1619, he founded two lectures, one in Geometry, and the other in aſtronomy, in the univerſity of Oxford, with a liberal ſalary to the profeſſors, named, in memory of him, SAVILIAN PROFESSORS: he was admir'd by all the learned men of that age, who give him the higheſt character *(a)*. He had ſo great a value for Mr. Camden, that he would fain have prevailed upon him to ſpend his latter days in Eaton-college; I am ſure (ſays he) you might make me a happy man in my old age *(b)*, without any diſcontent, I hope, to your ſelf: I dare ſay, we would all do our beſt, that you ſhould not repent of your living here. This worthy knight and magazine of learning, died at Eaton-college, Feb. 19, 162$\frac{1}{2}$, and was interr'd in the chapel there, near to the body of his ſon Henry, who died in 1604, aged eight years, under a black marble ſtone; with this inſcription:

> Hic jacent Oſſa & Cineres Henrici Savill, ſub Spe certa Reſurrectionis, natus apud Bradley, juxta Hallifax, in Comitatu Ebor. Anno Domini, 1549, ultimo die Menſis Novembris obiit in Collegio Etonenſi, Anno Domini, 1621, XIX die Menſis Februarii. *(c)*

tho' that did not prevent a ſumptuous honorary monument to his memory, being erected on the ſouth wall, at the upper end of the choir of Merton-college. Mr. Richardſon, in his preface to baron Savile's reports, expreſſes himſelf thus: 'We have in 'view *nobile par fratrum*, Sir John, and Sir Henry Savile. I 'am afraid (for I muſt ſpeak truth) that the memory of Sir Henry, 'will be diſpread larger and farther than that of our author; and 'that the annotations upon Tacitus, the lectures upon Euclide, 'and the excellent edition of St. Chriſoſtome, will be worn by 'more hands than theſe reports. For indeed it is impoſſible to 'build an univerſal fame upon an eminency in the knowledge of 'particular municipal laws. Sir Henry, is known in the world, 'Sir John, but in England. And, that his memory may be 'made laſting amongſt us, theſe reports of his are made publick. 'He imitated that excellent perſon, his brother, Sir Henry Savile, 'in publick charities, there being ſcarce a manor of his in York-'ſhire, in which he hath not left them behind him.'

Thomas Savile, the third and youngeſt ſon, and younger brother to the beforementioned two great men, was born at Over-Bradley, near Hallifax; admitted probationer-fellow of Merton-college, 1580 *(d)*, and having taken the degree of maſter of arts, travell'd

(a) General Dict. vol. IX. p. 82. *(b)* Wright's antiq. of Hallifax, p. 149.
(c) Fuller's worthies in Yorkſhire, p. 210. *(d)* Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I. p. 258.

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travell'd abroad into ſeveral countries, whereby he greatly improved himſelf in ſeveral parts of learning; and upon his return, he became, by his brother's endeavours, fellow of Eaton-college, where he was noted for his great learning: he died, during the proctorſhip of the univerſity of Oxford, at London, Jan. 12, 159$\frac{2}{3}$, and was interr'd in the choir of Merton-college chapel. He was an intimate friend likewiſe, of the great Camden, among whoſe letters, publiſh'd at London, 1691, by Dr. Thomas Smith, are fifteen of Mr. Savile's *(a)*, to Camden.

But to return to the elder branch.

5. Sir John Savile, Knt. (ſon and heir of Thomas, beforementioned) who married the daughter and heir of — Rochdale, Eſq; and had iſſue,

6. John, who, by the daughter of Sir Robert Latham, Knt. had iſſue,

7. Sir John, who took to wife Jane, daughter of Matthew de Boſco, alias Wood, and had iſſue,

8. John, who married Margery, daughter and coheir of Henry Riſhworth *(b)*, whoſe ſon,

9. Sir John Savile, Knt. was high ſheriff of Yorkſhire, 3 and 11 Rich. II. *(c)* and was twice choſen knight of the ſhire for the ſaid county, in the ſeventh and eighth of the ſame king. He married Iſabel, daughter and heir to Thomas Eland, of Eland, in com. Ebor. Eſq; by whom he came poſſeſſed of that eſtate, which for ſome time, was the principal reſidence of his deſcendants, (and afterwards became the title of the marquis of Hallifax's eldeſt ſon:) by whom he had two ſons, Sir John, and Henry, of whom hereafter. Sir John, his eldeſt ſon, married Iſabel, daughter of Robert Ratcliffe, Eſq; and had one ſon Sir John, who married Iſabel, daughter of Sir William Fitzwilliams, Knt. and died without iſſue, and his ſiſter Iſabel became his heir, who married Thomas Darcy, Eſq; ſecond ſon to the lord Darby; but the line was continued by his uncle Henry, ſecond ſon of Sir John, by the daughter and heir of Thomas Eland, Eſq;

10. Which Henry Savile, Eſq; married Elizabeth, daughter and ſole heir of Simon Thornhill, of Thornhill, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Bryan Thornhill, Knt. a perſon of great note, temp. Ed. III. having ſerv'd in ſeveral parliaments as knight of the ſhire, and was deſcended from Jordan de Thornhill, who had great poſſeſſions in Ovenden, Skircoate, Riſhworth, Norland, Barkiſland, &c. as by evidence, ſans date; to which Jordan, Hamlin Plantagenet, earl-warren, owner of the manor of Wakefield, confirm'd his

(a) General Dict. vol. IX. p. 83. *(b)* Some pedigrees make John, who married Riſhworth, the ſixth in deſcent; John, that married Latham, ſeven: and Sir John, that married de Boſco, the eighth. *(c)* Fuller's worthies in Yorkſhire.

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his inheritance in Sowerbyſhire, about 1169 (*a*). By this match, the ſaid Henry, became poſſeſſed of the manor of Thornhill, and other great eſtates, and Thornhill, became the Yorkſhire ſeat of the family, tho' ſince demoliſhed by the civil wars.

11. Sir Thomas, his ſon and heir, was one of the gentry of the county of York (*b*), returned by the commiſſioners, 12 Hen. VI. and was knight of the ſhire for York, 20 Hen. VI. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Pilkington, Knt. and had iſſue,

12. Sir John Savile, lord of Thornhill, Eland, and Tankerſley, who was twice high ſheriff for the county of York (*c*), 33 of Henry VI. and 1 Ed. IV. and knight of the ſhire for the ſame county (*d*), 29 Hen. VI. He married Alice, daughter of Sir William Gaſcoigne, of Gawthorp, in com. Ebor. Knt. and had iſſue three ſons; 1. Sir John, (whoſe grandſon, Sir Henry Savile, was made knight of the Bath at the coronation of Anne of Bullen; which Sir Henry, married Elizabeth (*e*), daughter of Thomas Sothill, of Sothill, Eſq; and had iſſue, one ſon, Edward, who married the daughter of Sir Richard Leigh, of St. Albans, Knt. and died without iſſue, 1562; and a daughter, Dorothy, wife to John Kay, of Woodſome, in com. Ebor. Eſq; Sir Henry, by Margaret Barkſton, had a natural ſon, Sir Robert Savile, who married Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Huſſey, of Honington, in com. Linc. Knt. relict of Matthew Thimelby, Eſq; and was anceſtor to the Saviles, earls of Suſſex (*f*);) 2. William, who died without iſſue; and the third ſon was,

13. Thomas Savile, of Lupſet, Eſq; who married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Balforth, Eſq; and had iſſue, John, Thomas, of Grantham, and George Savile, of Wakefield.

14. John, the eldeſt ſon, married Anne, daughter of William Wyatt, Eſq; and had iſſue,

15 Henry, of Lupſet, his only ſon, who married Joan, daughter and heir of William Vernon, of Barrowby, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; relict of Sir Richard Bozom, Knt. (*g*) was high ſheriff of Yorkſhire, 9 Eliz. receiver-general for that county (*h*), and one of the honourable council eſtabliſhed in the north; and had iſſue, three ſons; 1. Sir George. 2. Francis, who married Catherine, daughter and coheir of William, lord Conyers. 3. Cordell Savile, who married Mary, daughter and heir of William Welbeck, of Sutton, in com. Nott. Eſq; and a daughter, Bridget, married (*i*) to Henry Nevil, of Grove, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq;

16. Sir George Savile, Knt. eldeſt ſon and heir, was created a boronet, 9 Jac. I. and high ſheriff of Yorkſhire, the eleventh of the ſaid reign (*k*). He married two wives; firſt, Mary, daughter

(*a*) Ex Coll. Ra. Thoreſby de Leeds. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Yorkſhire.
(*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ex Infor. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar. (*e*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 68.
(*f*) Extinct peerage, 8vo. vol. III. p. 381. (*g*) Thoroton's Nott. p. 128.
(*h*) Ibid. (*i*) Ibid. p. 178. (*k*) Fuller's Worthies in Yorkſhire.

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ter of the right honourable George Talbot, the ſixth ea
Shrewſbury, by which marriage, Rufford, in Nottinghamſ
(where King James I. and King Charles I. were often entertai
and the eſtate belonging (*a*) to it, came into the family. Sec
ly, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Ayſcough, of South-Ke
in com. Linc. Knt. widow of George Savile, of Wakefield,
By his firſt lady, he had iſſue, one ſon, Sir George Savile,
who died before his father, in 1618, and by his firſt wife, Sa
daughter and coheir to John Rede, of Coteſbrook, in com. Nc
hampton, Eſq; had no iſſue; but by Anne, his ſecond wife, dau
of Sir William Wentworth, of Wentworth-Woodhouſe, in
Ebor. Bart. he left iſſue two ſons; Sir George Savile, Bart.
ſucceeded his grandfather in the title and eſtate, but died un
ried; and Sir William Savile, Bart. ſucceſſor to his bro
hereafter mention'd. Sir George Savile, the firſt baronet,
buried in Thornhill-church, under a curious monument, w
knight's ſtatue, to the life, in marble, and this inſcription in
letters:

'Here lieth the Body of Sir George Savile, Knt.
'and Bart. of Thornhill, in the County of York,
'who had firſt to Wife the Lady Mary, Daughter
'of George, earl of Shrewsbury, by whom he had
'Iſſue, one ſon; and afterwards he took to Wife,
'Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Edward Ayſcough, of
'South-Kelſey, in the County of Lincoln, Knt. by
'whom he had Iſſue, three Sons, and four Daugh-
'ters. He departed this Life the 12th Day of No-
'vember, 1622, in the 72d Year of his Age; to
'whoſe Memory, the ſaid Dame Elizabeth Savile,
'by her laſt Will and Teſtament, appointed this
'Monument to be erected, who is likewiſe interr'd
'in the Chapel of Herbury.

Which Sir William Savile, Bart. beforementioned, ſucceſſc
his brother, ſtood firm in his allegiance to King Charles I.
vanced his intereſt all he could, and was a great ſufferer fo
royal cauſe; he fortified his houſe at Thornhill, and made
garriſon for the King, which being afterwards taken by th
bels, was demoliſhed. He married Anne, daughter of Tho
lord Coventry, lord keeper of the great ſeal; a lady remark
for her zeal and attachment to the royal cauſe. She was a
ſon of incomparable affection to his majeſty (*b*), of ſingular
dence in deſigning great things for his ſervice, and of great i
reſt and power to render them effectual, by the adherenc
many perſons of honour, ability, and loyalty unto her, and
ticularly, by my lord Langdale's going along with her ir
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(*a*) For this large eſtate, ſee Thoroton's Nott. p. 434. (*b*) See Dr. Bar
Life, in Engliſh, p. 95.

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things, for his majeſty's ſervice: this lady alſo held a cloſe correſpondence with Thomas Holder, Eſq; auditor-general to the duke of York (*a*), for the ſame purpoſe, and during his confinement, with Dr. Barwick. To this good lady was owing the eſcape of Sir Marmaduke Langdale, who was condemned by the rebels to die; for ſhe found out ſuch proper hands, by preſents to mollify the guards, and invented ſo feaſible a way for his eſcape, that Sir Marmaduke, got out of priſon with little difficulty to himſelf, and not much cenſure to his keepers, from the rebels their maſters (*b*). This illuſtrious heroine, lady Savile, was always ſuſpected by Cromwell's party, not only to be privy to theſe noble atchievements, but to be the author (*c*) and director of them all, yet they could never come to a certain knowledge of this, tho' they laid their ſnares on all ſides to entrap her, and made no doubt but ſhe would at length be taken therein, and their ardent deſire of deſtroying her be accompliſhed. This gallant lady, famous even for her warlike actions, beyond her ſex, had a little before been beſieged by the rebels, in Sheffield-caſtle, in com. Ebor. which they batter'd on all ſides by great guns, tho' ſhe was big with child; and had ſo little regard for her ſex, that in that condition, they refuſed a midwife ſhe had ſent for, the liberty of going to her (*d*): yet this unheard-of barbarity was ſo far from moving her, that ſhe reſolv'd to periſh, rather than ſurrender the caſtle; but the walls being every where full of cracks with age, and ready to fall, the ſoldiers of the garriſon began to mutiny, not ſo much concerned for their own danger, as for the lamentable condition of this noble lady, ſo near the time of her falling in labour (*e*); for ſhe was brought to bed the night after the caſtle was ſurrender'd. This lady, a little before the battle of Worceſter (*f*), generouſly contributed one thouſand pound to his majeſty's ſubſiſtence; and by her means, colonel Venables, a perſon of note in Cromwell's army, was brought over to the king's intereſt (*g*). She had a great reſpect for thoſe clergymen, as adorned their doctrines by the holyneſs of their lives; and was a great ſupport to them. She lived to ſee the happy reſtauration, and died about a year and an half after it, of whom, Dr. Barwick (*h*) ſays; 'The lady Savile, that illuſtrious example of piety to-
'wards God, and love to her country, about this time reſign'd
'her breath, eaſily yielding to a diſtemper, contracted from her
'wearineſs of an age ſo wicked, and ſo ungrateful to God, un-
'ſhaken as ſhe had ſtood againſt the ſecret conſpiracies and open
'force of the moſt inveterate enemies of the crown. When ſhe
'found her diſeaſe increaſe upon her, leaving the town, ſhe went
to

(*a*) Dr. Barwick's life, in Engliſh, p. 96. (*b*) Ibid. 111. (*c*) Ibid. 112. (*d*) Ibid. 113. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Ibid. 128. (*g*) Ibid. 162, 184. (*h*) Ibid. p. 328.

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'to her houſe at Wimple, in Cambridgſhire (*a*), and ſent for Dr. 'Barwick to her from London, deſirous to make uſe of his pious 'miniſtrations in her laſt extremity.'

Sir William died, Jan. 24, 1643 (*b*); but by his aforeſaid lady, had three ſons, and three daughters; 1. William, who died young; 2. Sir George, his ſucceſſor; 3. Henry Savile, Eſq; a gentleman of ſhining parts, and much in favour with K. Charles II. to whom he was vice-chamberlain: he was repreſentative in parliament for Newark, in Nottinghamſhire, in the reign of King Charles II. and died without iſſue. The daughters were, Anne, married to the right honourable, Thomas, earl of Plymouth; Margaret, and ——

Sir George Savile, Bart. ſucceſſor to his father, was fam'd for ſeveral miſcellaneous tracts, which he wrote with great judgment and ſpirit, (particularly, his *Advice to a Daughter*;) he was one of the greateſt ſtateſmen of his time, and contributed all he could to bring about the reſtoration of the royal family; which being effected, he was, in conſideration of his father's loyalty to King Charles I. as alſo his own merit, created baron Savile, of Eland, and viſcount Hallifax, and afterwards, in 1682, advanced to the titles of earl and marquis of Halifax, and in the ſame year, conſtituted lord privy-ſeal. On King James's acceſſion to the throne, he ſent for him, and appointed him (*c*) preſident of the council; but he did not continue long in that poſt (*d*); for the king neglected and diſcouraged his former friends, tho' never ſo loyal and true to him, if they were any ways backward in ſerving him in his own way: he early told the marquis of Hallifax (*e*), 'that 'tho' he would not forget his paſt ſervices, yet, ſince he would 'not conſent to the repeal of the teſts, he was reſolved to have 'all of a piece, and ſo diſmiſs'd him.' However, on the arrival of the prince of Orange in England, the king had ſo good an opinion of him, that he join'd him, with the (*f*) earl of Rocheſter, and the lord Godolphin, and ſent them as his commiſſioners, to treat with the prince, then at Hungerford. In the convention (*g*), he was choſen by the peers, their ſpeaker, in oppoſition to the earl of Danby, and ſtrenuouſly ſupported the motion of the vacancy of the throne, and the neceſſity of ſupplying it by the prince of Orange; and put the queſtion, 'Whether their high-'neſſes the prince and princeſs of Orange, ſhould not be declared 'king

(*a*) The editor of Dr. Barwick's life, in the addenda, ſays, ſhe was afterwards married to Thomas Chichley, Eſq; (afterwards Sir Thomas) of Wimpole, in Cambridgſhire.
(*b*) His will, dated July 18, 1642. See the inquiſition after his death, and the lands he died ſeiz'd of; Cole's Collection of Records of the court of wards, vol. VI. p. 55.
(*c*) Rapin's Hiſt. of Eng. fo. vol. II. p. 742. (*d*) Echard's Hiſt. of the revolution, 8vo. p. 76. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Rapin, vol. II. p. 780. and Echard's Revol. p. 185.
(*g*) Rapin, vol. II. p. 785. and Echard, p. 229.

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'king and queen (*a*),' which was carried 65 againſt 45; and dying in 1695, left behind him a great character for his wiſdom, integrity, and conduct, and many other excellent qualifications. The reign of King Charles II. and King James II. when the councils often changed, prov'd the integrity of the courtiers, and very few but went in too much, either to the prerogative of the crown, or the rights of the people; yet this noble lord demeaned himſelf ſo well, that he was look'd upon by common ſuffrage, as a true patriot, both to his king and country.

He married two wives; 1. Dorothy, daughter of Henry, earl of Sunderland, by whom he had three ſons; 1. Henry, lord Eland, who married Eſther (*b*), daughter and coheir to Charles de la Tour, marquis of Gouvernet, in France, and died in his father's life-time without iſſue. 2. William, the next marquis of Hallifax; and 3. George, ſlain at the ſiege of Buda, 1688, unmarried; alſo one daughter, Anne, wife to John, lord Vaughan. His ſecond lady was Gertrude, daughter of William Pierpoint, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Robert, earl of Kingſton, by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Philip earl of Cheſterfield, father of the preſent earl. William, marquis of Hallifax, his eldeſt ſurviving ſon, married two wives; 1. Elizabeth, daughter and heir (*c*) to Sir Samuel Grimſton, of Gorhambury, in com. Hertf. Bart. by whom he had one daughter, Anne, who was firſt wife to the preſent lord Bruce; his ſecond wife was, lady Mary, only daughter of Daniel, earl of Nottingham, (by his firſt wife, the lady Eſſex Rich, one of the daughters and coheirs of Robert, earl of Warwick and Holland) by whom he left only two daughters, his coheirs, viz. 1. lady Dorothy, married to the earl of Burlington; 2. lady Mary, married to the earl of Thanet (*d*). His relict, afterwards married John, duke of Roxburgh, and had iſſue, the preſent marquis of Beaumont, who married Eſſex, daughter of Sir Roger Moſtyn, Bart. This William, marquis of Hallifax, died Aug. 31, 1700; when, for want of iſſue-male, the peerage became extinct.

But Sir George Savile, the firſt Baronet, (the ſixteenth in deſcent from Sir John Savile, of Savile-hall) by his ſecond wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Ayſcough, of South-Kelſey, in Lincolnſhire, Knt. relict of George Savile, of Wakefield, Eſq; had iſſue three ſons; 1. Sir John; 2. Richard, who died without iſſue; and 3. Henry Savile, of Bowling, Eſq; and four daughters; of which, Mary, married John Archer, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; Sir John Savile, of Lupſet, in com. Ebor. the eldeſt ſon, married two wives; 1. Elizabeth, daughter to John Armitage, of

(*a*) Echard, ibid. p. 259. (*b*) Extinct peerage, 8vo. vol. I. p. 147. (*c*) Collins's peerage, vol. IV. p. 228. (*d*) Ibid. in the earl of Burlington's and Thanet's families.

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of Kirklees, Esq; by whom he had only a daughter, married to William Hustler, of Cleaveland, Esq; His second wife was Anne, daughter of Sir John Soame, Knt. by whom he had two sons; Sir John, and Thomas, who died without issue; and also two daughters; Mary, wife of —— Jennison, of Newcastle, Esq; and Anne, of John Harris, of London, Esq;

The line of Sir George Savile, Bart. from whence descended the marquis of Hallifax, being extinct, Sir John Savile, son of Sir John Savile, of Lupset, aforementioned, by Anne, daughter of Sir John Soame, Knt. and grandson of Sir George, the first baronet, inherited the title of baronet, in 1700, on the marquis's death; but dying unmarried, 1704, the title descended to Sir George Savile, Bart. in the following manner.

17. Henry Savile, of Bowling, in com. Ebor. Esq; third son of the first Sir George Savile, Bart. by his second wife, and brother to Sir John Savile, of Lupset, beforementioned, married (*a*) Anne, daughter of Robert Crewse, of London, merchant, by whom he had five sons, and three daughters; George, John, Henry, Robert, and Edward; all which died without issue, except John. Of the daughters, Elizabeth, married the count Monfelto; Anne, Sir Robert Forbes, of Scotland, and Mary.

18. John, only surviving son of Henry Savile, of Bowling, Esq; was rector of Thornhill, in Yorkshire; he married first, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Tully, by whom he had no issue; and secondly, Barbara, daughter of Thomas Jennison, of Newcastle, upon Tyne, Esq; (who died, June, 1734) by whom he had issue, Sir George Savile, his successor, the present baronet, (surviving heir-male to the first Sir George Savile, Knt. and Bart. and upon whom, George, late marquis of Hallifax, in consideration of his name and family, settled the reversion of the possessions of the first baronet, to attend the title;) and two daughters, Anne, who married Sir Nicholas Cole, of Branspeth, in Durham, Bart. deceased; and Gertrude.

19. Sir George Savile, the present baronet, the nineteenth in a lineal descent from Sir John Savile, of Savile-hall, Knt. represented the county of York, in the first parliament of King George II. being elected on Sir Thomas Wentworth's being created lord Malton. He married, 1722, Mary, daughter of John Pratt, of the city of Dublin, Esq; by Honoretta, his wife, daughter of Sir John Brooke, of Ellinthorpe, in Yorkshire, Bart. by whom he hath issue, one son (*b*) George, and two daughters, Arabella, and Barbara.

(*a*) Dugdale's Visit. of Yorkshire, fo. 185. B.

(*b*) Ex Infor. Dom. Geo. Savile, Bar.

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ARMS: Argent, on a Bend Sable, three Owls of the Field.
CREST: On a Wreath, an Owl, as in the Arms.
MOTTO: *Be Faſt.*
SEAT: At *Rufford*, in *Nottinghamſhire.*

15. WODEHOUSE, of Kimberley, Norfolk.

(Sir PHILIP, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THERE have been ſeveral families of ancient extraction (*a*), of this ſurname, that have been denominated according to the cuſtom of former ages, from their poſſeſſions: the pedigrees of this family, (I may ſay all that I have ſeen (*b*)) deduce them from Bertram, of Wodehouſe-tower, in Yorkſhire, who, 'tis ſaid, compounded with the conqueror, and enjoy'd his lands and inheritance, but as the pedigree in verſe tells us, this is ſupported by no evidence, which makes me (*c*) think it is as great an error, as that general one, of making this family of Yorkſhire extraction. That Bertram, was anceſtor of the family of Wodehouſe, in that county, I take to be true (*d*); but am as ſure that this family is not deſcended from that, becauſe the names of the owners of that eſtate is widely different; in King John's time, the pipe-roll of the tenth of that king, tells us, that Adam de Wodehuſe, chaplain, held a bovate of land in Wodehuſe, in Yorkſhire; that he was ſon of Robert, who was ſon of Hugh, none of which names occur in this family at that time, for Sir Richard de Wodehouſe, was cotemporary with this Adam, who was ſon of Henry, the ſon of George; neither is there any occaſion for us to go out of the county of Norfolk, nor indeed far from their preſent ſeat, to find lands and poſſeſſions from whence they might be, and indeed (*e*), I believe, were denominated; the Wodehouſes being ſurnamed, as I am apt to think (*f*), from a tenement and lands now in Windham, called Wodehouſe, lying in Silfield; and what confirms me in this is (*g*), that even in the 52 Hen. III. anno 1267, the

(*a*) There was a family of the Wodehouſes, of Waxham, in Norfolk, of ancient extraction, and knightly degree, which by ſome, are confounded with Kimberley family, but they always bare a different arms, viz. Quarterly Ermine, and Azure, in the ſecond and third Quarters, a Leopard's Face, Or; as Sir William Wodehouſe, of Waxham, Knt. bare it, in 1558. (*b*) The reverend Mr. Blomefield, who is writing a topographical hiſtory of Norfolk, and who has already, after great pains and labour, publiſhed the firſt volume of it, in fo. and to whom we are obliged for great part of the account of this ancient family; ſee his deſcription of Kimberley, p. 751. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Ibid. (*g*) Ibid.

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the eſcheat-roll ſays, that Petronilla de Wodehouſe, died ſeized of Wodehouſe, and a mill in Tilney, towards which part of the county, the family then removed, namely to Rydon.

That they were gentlemen of good rank in the time of King John, Peacham informs us (*a*), which appeared to him by many ancient grants and evidences of the family, which he had ſeen, and from which the pedigree was collected; but when the family removed from their old ſeat at Kimberley, to Downham, many of them being left neglected there, became rotten, and were devoured by vermin; for which reaſon, I (*b*) cannot aſſert ſeveral things, which might have been proved by them, which I ſhall therefore omit, and content my ſelf with the following account, which ſtands ſupported on ſufficient authority (*c*).

1. Sir Conſtantine de Wodehouſe, who married Iſabel, daughter and heir of Botetort, in the beginning of Hen. I. whoſe arms are blazon'd in old Engliſh verſe, in the pedigree, as are the arms of all the matches of the family, down to Sir Thomas Wodehouſe's time. He was ſucceeded by his ſon and heir,

2. Sir George de Wodehouſe, who flouriſhed in the time of Hen. I. whom he accompanied into Normandy, and was at the burning of Baieux, and taking of Caen-caſtle. He married Winifride, daughter and heir of Lacy, by whom he had,

3. Sir Henry, his ſon and heir, who married Beatrix, daughter of the lord Say.

4. Sir Richard, his ſon and heir, is omitted in moſt, if not all the pedigrees, but is rightly mentioned in both the rolls (*d*). He married an Aſpall, and lived in King John's time.

5. Sir William Wodehouſe, his ſon and heir, lived at Flitcham, in Norfolk, the monaſtery of which place he is ſaid to have founded, and made a cell to Walſingham: he was the firſt of the family that purchaſed lands in Kimberley, but no manor there, tho' he was lord of manors in Norfolk; and indeed, by what I can ſee (*e*), he was the firſt that removed from Windham ſide. He married Petronilla, daughter and heir of Clervaux.

It is plain that he died before 1267, 52 Hen. III. for in that year, Petronilla de Wodehouſe, his wife, died ſeized of the tenement, Wodehouſe, and lands, and Woods thereto belonging, lying in Windham.

6. Francis Wodehouſe, Eſq; ſon of Sir William, married the daughter and coheir of Sir John Pecche. Of this Francis, I find no other memorial (*f*), he being in a ſhort time ſucceeded by,

7. Sir Bertram de Wodehouſe, his ſon and heir; he attended

(*a*) In his Compleat Gentleman, p. 235. (*b*) Blomefield, ibid. p 752.
(*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Ibid. p. 753.

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King Edward I. into the north, when he diſpers'd the Scots, and ſlew twenty thouſand of them. He married Muriel, daughter and heir of Hamo, lord Felton, by whom he had Feltons, in Great Maſſingham, and Feltons or Hemgraves, in Fordham, in Cambridgſhire, beſides ſeveral other manors, and a vaſt eſtate. He had three ſons; 1. Sir William. 2. Robert de Wodehouſe, who was chaplain to Edward II. and in 1318, was (*a*) made baron of the exchequer, by patent dated Oct. 14. 12 Edw. II. In the ſecond year of Edw. III. the king preſented him to the archdeaconry of Richmond (*b*), to which he was admitted by his proxy, Sept. 14, 1328; his will was proved Feb. 3, 1345, in which, he ordered his body to be buried in the choir of the Auſtin monks, at Stanford (*c*). In 1329, he was treaſurer of the exchequer (*d*); and 3. John de Wodehouſe (*e*), who was ſteward of the houſhold to Richard de Wentworth, biſhop of London, and lord chancellor at the time of his death, in 1339, and in 1375 (*f*), he was chamberlain of Cheſter.

8. Sir William de Wodehouſe, eldeſt ſon and heir, was a man of great valour, and as ſuch, was retained by the Black Prince, whom he attended into Spain, 40 Edw. III. When Edmund of Langley, Beauchamp, and the flower of England's knights went thither, under great Lancaſter, and Edward, the black prince, where they bravely fought, and help'd Don Pedro, king of Caſtile, againſt Don Henry, his baſtard brother, whom the pope had legitimated, and excommunicated Don Pedro: in 1374 (*g*), he was ſheriff of London, with Richard Lions; he married the daughter and heir of Humphry Lutterell.

9. Sir Richard de Wodehouſe, ſon of Sir William, was of Rydon, in Norfolk, and by vertue of his lands and tenements held of Riſing-caſtle, was obliged to repair, and maintain a tower of that caſtle, to which he alſo paid a ſum of money yearly, for caſtle-guard. He married Alice, daughter and coheir of Sir John Northwood, of Northwood-Barningham, in Norfolk, Knt. and was ſucceeded by his ſon,

10. Sir Thomas de Wodehouſe, who married Alice, ſiſter and heir of John Eſtmond or Emond, of Cranworth, ſon of Roger Emond,

(*a*) Madox Hiſt. of the Exch. p. 586. (*b*) Le Neve's Faſti, fo. 325. (*c*) Rymeri Collectanea, vol. I. N. 41. ad Fin. vol. XVII. p. 122. (*d*) Peacham, in his Compleat Gent'eman, p. 235. ſays, 'I find, out of a fair parchment-manuſcript, in French, 'or collection of the parliaments, all the time of Edward III. (which my honour'd and 'worthy friend, Sir Robert Cotton hath) and in the fourth year of his reign, at a parliament to be holden at Weſtminſter, a writ thus directed, to Robert de Woodhouſe, 'his chaplain and treaſurer.

'Rex dilecto clerico ſuo Roberto de Wodhouſe, archidiacono de Richmund, theſaurario ſuo ſalutem. Negotia nos & ſtatum regni contingentia, &c. vobis mandamus 'firmiter injungentes quod omnibus aliis prætermiſſis, &c.'

(*e*) Rym. vol. V. p. 143. (*f*) Ibid. vol. VII. p. 127, 8. But Sir Peter Leyceſter, in his liſt of the chamberlains of Cheſter, ſays, 50 Edw. III. 1376, John Woodhouſe was chamberlain, to 17 Rich. II. 1393. (*g*) Stow's Survey of Lond. vol. II. B. 5. p. 113.

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Emond, of Cranworth, Esq; who married Maud, daughter and heir of Sir Baldwin Botourt, of Cranworth, Knt.

11. Sir Edward de Wodehouse, son of Sir Thomas, married a daughter and coheir of Erpingham, by whom, Litcham came to this family. He owned lands in Kimberley, in 1378. I have not met with any account of his sons or daughters (*a*) besides,

12. Sir John Wodehouse, Knt. who was a younger son, being afterwards in favour with Hen. IV. by whom he was knighted; he came and settled at Kimberley, having married Margaret, daughter and sole heir of Sir Thomas Fastolf, of Kimberley, Knt. and removed from the Fastolf's seat, which was at the west end of the town, built a new seat in the east part, with the tower called Wodehouse's tower, thereto belonging. (*b*) By deed dated 20 Jan. 2 Hen. IV. upon his eldest son's marriage with Furneaux, he entailed his house, which he had new built, called Wodehouse's tower, and the new park called Wodehouse's park, together with his manors of Kimberley, Corston, Thuxton, Litcham-market, Feltwell, &c. on them and their heirs (*c*); in 1404, he was constable of Rising-castle, and had four sons; 1. John. 2. Giles de Wodehouse, living 1436. 3. Thomas, who died 1451 (*d*), seiz'd of Felton's manor, in Fordham, in Cambridgshire; and 4. Jerome de Wodehouse (*e*), who held Felton's manor, in Great Massingham, in tail, Poinings, and Esthall, in Flitcham, Anmer, &c. He married Anne, daughter and coheir of Richard Irming, Esq;

13. John Wodehouse, Esq; eldest son and heir, in his father's life-time, was gentleman of the privy-chamber to King Henry IV. and in 1400, married Alice, daughter and heir of Furneaux.

On the decease of Henry IV. his son King Henry V. chose him esquire of his own body (*f*): in 1414, he was admitted one of the chamberlains of the exchequer (*g*) for life. In 1415, he attended the king's person to the battle of Agincourt, in France, where he won great renown, by his valiant prowess, spiriting up the English that were inclined to stand: and after the battle inclined to the English, many of the French nobles fled, and got into an old fort, where, by reason of the streightness of the passage, 'twas difficult to overcome them. For this gallant action, the king granted him an annuity of ten marks a year, out of his manor of Thetford, and made him steward of all the dominion of the dutchy of Lancaster, in Norfolk, and Cambridgeshire, with a salary of

(*a*) Mr. Blomefield's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 754. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) E. Cart. Pen. D. Norff. (*d*) Pedigree of Wodehouse, in Blomefield's Norfolk. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) He refused the honour of knighthood, esteeming it to be a superior honour to be esquire of the body to such a master, which place he must have resigned, if he had been dubbed knight, and having lands sufficient in value to be knighted, he paid a fine rather than take that honour. Blomefield, p. 755. (*g*) Lib. Nig. in Scac. fo. 47. b.

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10l. per annum, and as a perpetual augmentation of honour, assigned him the Creſt of a Hand, iſſuing from the clouds, holding a Club, and this Motto (*a*), *Frappè forte, ſtrike ſtrong*, or rather, *beat down the fort*, and the Savage, or wild man, holding a Club, which was the ancient creſt of the family, was now omitted, and two of them placed as ſupporters to the arms, which had a further augmentation of honour added in the ſhield, viz. on the Chevron, *Guttè de ſang*, as they are born to this day. The ancient Coat, before this addition, being only, Sable, a Chevron Or, between three Cinquefoils Ermine; and the year following, as a further reward for his eminent valour (*b*), he gave him, by the name of his beloved eſquire, the priory of Welles, in Norfolk, which was diſſolved, being an alien belonging to Caen, in Normandy, with all the revenues, manors, ſervices, advowſons, &c. (except the rectories of Wells, and Geytun) that belonged to it (*c*), any where in England, to be held by him and his heirs, in capite, by the rent of a roſe (*d*), payable on midſummer-day, in lieu of all ſervices whatever. It appears, that immediately after this honourable addition to his arms, he got his ſeal made accordingly; for in 1415, being feoffee for the manors of Kelling and Salthouſe, he ſealed with his new ſeal, *Guttè de ſang*, being on the Chevron, &c. (*e*) In 1418, he, the biſhop of Norwich, and Sir Thomas Erpingham, were the three commiſſioners, whom the lords of the council ſent to perſuade the gentlemen of the county to go into France, to ſerve the king with arms and equipage, agreeable to their quality, who return'd anſwer, that they had no ſucceſs, becauſe the ſtouteſt men were already in the army; and thoſe that remain'd, excuſed themſelves by their poverty, or bodily infirmities (*f*). He ſerved no leſs than four times in parliament for the county of Norfolk (*g*), viz. in 1409, 11 Henry IV. with John Winter, Eſq; in 2 Henry V. with John Ingleſthorp, Eſq; in 1414, with Sir Edmund Oldhall, with whom he ſerved again in 1416: he continued in favour with the princes

(*a*) The Motto, Frappè fort, may allude to this fort that he conquered, it being given him on that account, and 'tis probable, were the words he uſed to encourage his men to aſſail it, ſignifying, ſtrike down the fort, as well as, ſtrike ſtrong. Blomefield, p. 756. (*b*) Mon. Ang. vol I. f. 575. (*c*) Wells manor in Geyton, which, with Wells priory, was given to this John Wodehouſe, and was, on that priory's being reſtored by Edward IV. granted to his chapel at Weſtminſter, and the abbot reaſſumed it from Wodehouſe, and carried it againſt him by the intereſt of the duke of Lancaſter. See Dugd. Mon. vol. I. fo. 576. (*d*) The Alien-priory of Panfield, in Eſſex, being veſted in the crown, King Henry V. in the third year of his reign, granted it in fee to John Woodhouſe, of Northfolk, Eſq; to hold it by the ſervice of a red roſe; he had likewiſe, the priory of Wells, in Norfolk, given him. Humphry, duke of Glouceſter, being guardian of the king and kingdom, ordered ſeizin of this eſtate to be given to Henry, ſon of John Woodhouſe. Hiſtory of Eſſex, in 4to, publiſhed by the reverend Mr. Tindal, p. 46. who quotes for his authority, Lett. Pat. 3 Hen. V. Teſt. 20 June, ex Coll. Ch. Pet. Le Neve, Arm Norroy. (*e*) Godw. Hiſt. Hen. V. p. 214, 15. MSS. Bib. Cot. Caligula, D. 5. (*f*) Rot. Parl. (*g*) Ex Coll. Brown Willis, Arm.

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princes he ſerved, during his whole life: Peacham ſays, he was one of Henry IV's executors, and certain I am that he was alſo executor to Henry V. who left him by his will, a gold cup (*a*); of whom he obtained licence to found a chantry-prieſt, to ſing for the ſouls of that prince and his queen, and of his beloved eſquire, John Wodehouſe, and his wife, their anceſtors and poſterity, either in the cathedral church, at Norwich, or in the charnel-chapel thereto belonging: I (*b*) have ſeen a pair of beads, which were given by Queen Catherine, wife of Henry V. to the wife of this John; they are now in the hands of Armine Wodehouſe, Eſq; and are very large, all of coral, except each tenth bead, which are wrought gold, there being ſeventy in all; there is alſo a croſs of gold hanging to them, and in thoſe days, were uſed at their devotion. I (*c*) alſo ſaw the hilt of a large old ſword, adorn'd with ſilver, and a long knife, or poignard, of the ſame workmanſhip, which are ſtill preſerved in the family, and are, without doubt, thoſe uſed by this John, in the Agincourt-battle, the form and make of them agreeing exactly to the time. He died at Rydon, in 1430; his will is dated there, Jan. 15 (*d*), by which, he ordered his body to be buried in the lower chapel of the charnel, by the cathedral, at Norwich, and ordered that after maſs ſaid over his body in the cathedral, they ſhould carry his bier into the charnel, and there perform ſuch ſervices for him, as he enjoin'd, for which, he gave the principal, maſter, or cuſtos, of the upper charnel-chapel, 6s. 8d. and two ſmall ſilver diſhes gilt, and two ſilver candleſticks; and to each of the prieſts of the charnel, 3s. 4d. to the chaplain of the lower charnel-chapel, in which

(*a*) 'Item legamus Johanni Wodehouſe, Armigero, unum cyphum auri.' Blomefield, p. 757. King Hen. V. made Henry, lord Fitz-hugh, Walter Hungerford, Walter Beauchampe, Lewis Robſart, William Porter, Robert Babthorpe, John Woodhowſe, and John Leventhorpe, Eſqs. the executors of his will and teſtament; the king granteth to them 40000 marks for the performance of the ſame will. Cotton's Abridg. of Records, p. 563. (*b*) Blomefield, p. 757. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) 'In Dei nomine, Amen, Deo gratias, ego 'Johannes Wodehouſe, Armiger, compos mentis condo teſtamentum meum in hunc 'modum.

'Item lego corpus meum, ubicunque infra regnum Anglie me contigerit viam univerſe 'carnis ingredi, ad ſepelliendum in capella inferiori vocata le Charnel, infra precinctum 'prioratus ſancte Trinitatis Norwici, & quod funeralia & exequie mee teneantur & ob'ſerventur modo qui ſequitur. Et poſt miſſam finitam, volo quod feretrum meum defe'ratur in le Charnel, & ibidem exequie mortuorum de nocte cum miſſa in craſtino tene'antur per principalem capelle ſuperioris, & confratres ſuos; & per capellanum capelle in'ferioris; modo debito, die ſeptimo, quo die dominus ab omni opere quod patravit requi'evit, & habeat predictus principalis vis. viiid. & capellanus capelle inferioris vis. viiid. '& quilibet ſacerdotum predictorum confratrum dicti principalis iii s. ivd. Item lego 'principali & ſociis ſuis confratribus capelle ſuperioris vocate le Charnel, infra precinc'tum prioratus predicti, duas parvas pelves argenteas & deauratas, cum duobus candelabris 'argenteis, habendis ſibi & ſuis principalibus & confratribus dicte capelle ſuperioris in 'perpetuum, abſque ulla alienatione earundem futuris temporibus inde facienda.

'In cujus rei teſtimonium huic preſenti teſtamento meo ſigillum meum appoſui. Da'tum apud Ridon, quinto decimo die menſis Januarii, anno regni regis Henrici ſexti poſt 'conqueſtum nono.' Sir Tho. Browne's Poſt. Works, de Schola Regia Norwicenſi, p. 271.

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which he was buried, 6s. 8d. and afterwards, this chaplain became his chantry-prieſt, and ſung for him till the diſſolution.

14. Henry de Wodehouſe, Eſq; was twenty-four years old at his father's death (*a*), as appears from the writ iſſued to the eſcheator of Norfolk, requiring him to take fealty and relief for the manor of Welles, &c. and to give him poſſeſſion. King Henry V. was his godfather, by whom he was recommended to Hen. VI. At his father's death, he lived at Bocking-Aſh, in Suffolk, and in 1449, was lord of Well-manor, in Geyton, and this year had a charter of free-warren in all his lands, woods, and demeans, in Norfolk, and dying the next year without iſſue, his eſtate went to his brother, John.

15. John Wodehouſe, Eſq; his brother, ſucceeded him, who, when the commiſſioners were appointed, 12 Hen. VI. to ſummon all perſons of beſt note, and tender them an oath for the keeping the peace, and obſerving the king's laws, for themſelves and retainers, was returned (*b*) as one of the principal gentlemen of Norfolk; and becauſe he would not take the honour of knighthood, was fined accordingly; he married (*c*) Conſtance, eldeſt daughter and coheir of Thomas Geddynge, of Icklingham, in Suffolk, Eſq; relict, firſt, of Henry Pooley, Eſq; and after that, of John Aleyne, Eſq; one of the barons of the exchequer, by whom he had one ſon, Sir Edward, and a daughter, Alice, married to William Clippeſby, of Clippeſby, in Fleg, in Norfolk, Eſq; I find him ſometimes called, John Wodehouſe, of London, Eſq; where he alſo had a houſe; he died at Kimberley, in 1465, as the writ of *Diem clauſit extremum* ſhews us (*d*). He, and his wife, lie buried in the altar-rails, in Kimberley-chancel, cloſe by the north wall; on the ſtone is his effigies in armour, with this in a label from his mouth; *Credo quod redemptor meus vivit.* She, ſtands in a praying poſture, with this from her mouth; *Et in carne mea videbo Deum ſalvatorem meum.* The arms are loſt, but this inſcription on a braſs plate remains (*e*);

Hic jacet Johannes Wodehous, & Conſtancia, Uxor
ejus, quorum animabus propicietur Deus, Amen.

16. Sir Edward Wodehouſe, his ſon and heir, was knighted at Grafton-field, near Tewkſbury. The pedigree ſays, that in 1461, by order of Edw. IV. under his privy ſeal, he levied in Norfolk, of his followers, tenants, and gentlemen of quality, no leſs than two hundred, and armed them at his own charge, and attended the king in his journey into Scotland, being accompanied in his own retinue, with two dukes, ſeven earls, thirty-one barons,

(*a*) Rot. Fin. 9 Hen. VI. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Norfolk. (*c*) See Geddyng's Pedigree in Rice's Deſcript. of Suff. p. 270. (*d*) Blomefield, p. 758. (*e*) Ibid.

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barons, and fifty-nine knights: I find him alive in 1473 (*a*), but can't say exactly when he died, tho' he and his second wife are buried in Kimberley-church, and had this over them, on a brass plate, which is lately lost;

> Here lyeth Syr Edward Wodehouse, Knyght, and Dame Jane, hys Wiffe; all good Christien Men that rede this same, of your Charity, to pray for the Souls of them, and all Christien Souls.

He married two wives, first, the daughter of Sir John Tirrel, by whom he had no issue; secondly, Jane, daughter and heir of Edmund Swathyng, of Letton, Esq; by whom he had issue, three sons; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. John. 3. Bertram Wodehouse, a priest, who built a large stone house, at Trunch, in Norfolk, for a school, and alms-houses, and endow'd the same with a perpetual living: also one daughter, Eleanor, married first to Edmund Hastings; secondly, to John Bozun, of Wissingset, and thirdly, to —— Creffiner, Esqrs. she died in 1487, and was buried in the Black-Fryers, at Norwich, with her first husband.

17. Sir Thomas Wodehouse, Knt. his son and heir, was created knight of the Bath, at the marriage of Prince Arthur, eldest son to King Henry VII. with the Infanta of Spain, and was sent ambassador into France, where he married a lady of Piccardy, for his first wife, but by her had no issue. He was deeply engaged for John de la Pole, earl of Suffolk, in great sums, which the duke left unpaid, and being sued in 1486, upon that account, he had the king's pardon, with restitution to his lands and goods: for his second wife, he had Thomazine, daughter of Sir Roger Townesend, of Raynham, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had issue, three sons, and two daughters; 1. Sir Roger. 2. John, of Breecles, Esq; who married Anne, daughter of William Spelman, Esq; who survived him, and afterwards married —— Desny, and died 1559. 3. Edward Wodehouse (*b*), who embraced a religious life. The daughters were, Catherine, married to Sir Thomas Lovell, of Berton-Bendish, in Norfolk, Knt. and Elizabeth, to Thomas Wingfield, of Easton, in Suffolk, Esq; Sir Thomas, died in 1487, and was succeeded by his eldest son,

18. Sir Roger Wodehouse, Knt. who, by reason of his small stature, was called Little Sir Roger, he was knighted by Edw. VI. in 1548, and is (*c*) often called (*d*) knight of the carpet; he, at the beginning of Ket's rebellion (*e*), taking his houshold-servants with him, and three carts, two laden with beer, and a third with

(*a*) Blomfield's Norfolk, p. 759. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 40. (*c*) Anstis Gart. MSS. E. 9. fo. 82. (*d*) Knights of the carpet, were so called, because they kneel upon a carpet at their creation. (*e*) Hol. vol. I. fo. 1029. Speed, 833. Nevil de Furor. Norff. p. 29.

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with proviſion, followed the rebels, deſigning to have endeavoured to perſuade them to deſiſt from their wicked enterprize, imagining, that they being his near neighbours, and knowing his former good uſage to them, would have had reſpect to his kindneſs, and have minded his perſuaſions, but on the contrary, they ſeized him, ſtripped him of his apparel, took his horſes, and all he had from him, cruelly tugged and caſt him into a ditch of one Morrice's, of Nether-Earlham, by Helſdon-bridge, and had there ſlain him, had not his ſervant couragiouſly defended him from their inſults (*a*); however, he could not free him from their hands, but they carried him with them, and impriſoned him in Surrey-houſe, on Mouſehold-hill, by Norwich. He had two wives; firſt, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Ratcliff, Knt. and ſecondly, Elizabeth, daughter of John Drury, of Beſthorpe, in Norfolk, Eſq; by the firſt, he had four ſons, and four daughters; 1. Thomas. 2. Sir William, who was vice-admiral (*b*) of the Engliſh fleet, being knighted for his valiant acts, done in the aforeſaid battle of Muſelburgh, and after his return, became a man of much repute in his country (*c*); in 1, 2, Phil. and Mary, he was elected knight of the ſhire, with Nicholas Leſtrange, and 4, 5, P. M. with Sir Henry Bedingfield, he ſerved alſo for the county, anno 1 Eliz. with Nicholas Leſtrange, aforeſaid, and again, in the fifth of that queen, with Sir Edward Warner, Knt. 3. George; and 4. John Wodehouſe, buried at Kimberley, March 18, 1579. The daughters were, 1. Amy (*d*), married to Ralph Shelton, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir John. 2. Anne, (*e*) who firſt married Sir Thomas Ragland, Knt. and ſecondly, Chriſtopher Coningſby, Eſq; who was killed at Muſſelburgh-field (*f*), only ſon of Sir William Coningſby, of Walington, in Norfolk, Knt. and grandſon to Sir Humphry Coningſby, Knt. lord chief-juſtice. 3. Jane, married firſt, to Levens, and ſecondly, to W. Maſon; and 4. Elizabeth, married to William Moor, and was buried at Kimberley, 1563. By his ſecond lady, (who ſurvived him) he had only one daughter, Urſula, married to the eldeſt ſon of Sir Thomas Cotton, of —— in Kent, Knt. Sir Roger, was buried in (*g*) Kimberley-church, Feb. 10, 1560.

19. Thomas Wodehouſe, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Roger, in 1 P. and M. was (*h*) high-ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, which office he ſerved again, in 5 Eliz. and in 4 and 5 P. and M. and 1 Eliz.

(*a*) This ſervant's name was Edgerly, and Sir Roger ſettled on him and his heirs, forty pounds per ann. which his deſcendants enjoy'd till lately, when the laſt of them died: the eſtate lay in Runhall. Mr. Blomefield's Norfolk, p. 760. (*b*) Sir John Heyward, in vita Ed. VI. p. 15. (*c*) From the liſt of parliament men for Norf. collected from the Parl. Rolls, and communicated by Browne Willis, Eſq; (*d*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 40. (*e*) Ibid. (*f*) Chauncy's Hertford p. 463. (*g*) Regr. Byrcham int. Archiv. Norw. (*h*) From a roll of the ſheriffs, &c.

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1 Eliz. (a) he was burgeſs in parliament for the borough of Yarmouth, in Norfolk; he was in favour with Hen. VIII. whom he faithfully ſerved till his death; afterwards being retained in the ſervice of Edw. VI. he was one of thoſe valiant gentlemen (b) that went againſt the Scots, being ſtandard-bearer in the battle of Muſſelburgh, in which he was ſlain, on Saturday, 10 Sept. 1547, his father, Sir Roger, being then alive. He married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Shelton, of Shelton, Knt. who ſurvived him, and was created lady Wodehouſe (c), by whom he had five ſons, and three daughters; 1. Sir Roger, ſucceſſor to his grandfather. 2. Henry, born Jan. 3, 1546; Sir John Robſart, and his lady, anſwered for him: he was (as all his anceſtors for many generations always were) juſtice of the peace, and twice member for the county of Norfolk, viz. in 14 and 31 Eliz. 3. Loy. 4. John; and 5. Thomas, who all died without iſſue. The daughters were, 1. Anne, who married Richard Stocks, (or Stokes) of Bonham, archdeacon of Norfolk. 2. Elizabeth (d), married to Thomas Jones, of Lynn, Eſq; and 3. Mary, who married —— Gough, Eſq; a gentleman of Ireland.

20. Sir Roger Wodehouſe, Knt. eldeſt ſon of Thomas, ſerved in parliament for the borough of Alborough, in Suffolk, 13 Eliz. 1570 (e), and was knighted by that queen, at Sir Edward Clare's houſe, at Blickling, in Norfolk, Auguſt, 1578. The queen, in her return from Norwich, in her progreſs to Cambridge, favoured him with her preſence (f), and lodged at his (g) houſe, at Kimberley, Friday, Auguſt 22, 1578: he ſerved for Thetford, in parliament, 28 Eliz. and married Mary, daughter of John Corbet, of Sprowſton, in Norfolk, Eſq; ſiſter to Sir Miles Corbet, Knt. who ſurvived him, and married George Kemp, of Tottenham, in Middleſex, Eſq; who in his will dated 1606, calls her Mary, lady Wodehouſe. Sir Roger, died in 1588, and was buried at Kimberley, the 4th of April. He had two ſons; Sir Philip, his ſucceſſor, and Matthew, buried at Kimberley, July 22, 1598, and a daughter, Catherine, that died young.

21. Sir Philip Wodehouſe, Knt. ſerved Queen Elizabeth both by ſea and land, in Spain and Portugal, was at the conqueſt of Cales, in Spain, and for his valour ſhewn there, was knighted by Robert, earl of Eſſex, and Charles, earl of Nottingham, the queen's generals: on the acceſſion of James I. to the crown of England, he went with Thomas, his eldeſt ſon, to meet that king

(a) Rot. Parl. (b) Hol. vol. II. fo. 986. (c) Blomefield, in the pedigree of Wodehouſe. (d) Le Neve MSS. vol I. p. 40. (e) Cat. of knights made by Queen Elizabeth. (f) Hol. vol II. fo. 1298. (g) There is ſtill in the family a noble throne, which was erected for the queen, in the grand hall at Kimberley; it is of crimſon velvet, richly embroidered with gold, having on it the arms of Wodehouſe, and his quarterings, with the ſupporters, all in curious work, and on the top are the ſame arms, impaling Corbet.

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king in his way from Scotland to London, and at Sir George Fermor's houſe, in Northamptonſhire, his majeſty conferr'd the honour of knighthood on Thomas, his ſon, then but eighteen years of age, and on the firſt erection of baronets, Sir Philip was advanced to that title, anno 1611 (*a*). In 28 Eliz. he was elected burgeſs in parliament, for Caſtle-Riſing, was at the camp at Tilbury, was deputy-lieutenant for the county of Norfolk (*b*), and dying at Kimberley, was there buried, Oct. 30, 1623: his wife was Grizell, daughter of William Yelverton, of Rougham, in Norfolk, Eſq; widow of Hamon Leſtrange, of Hunſtanton, Eſq; to whom he was married, at Kimberley, Dec. 22, 1582; ſhe died Aug. 4, 1635, and is buried by him. By her, he had ſix ſons, and two daughters; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Roger Wodehouſe, Eſq; a gentleman not only learned (*c*), but accompliſh'd, in whatever may lend luſtre to worth and true gentility; he was buried at Kimberley, May 22, 1634. 3. Philip. 4. John. 5. John. 6. Miles, who all died young. The daughters were, Elizabeth, married to Humphry Guybon, of Lynn, Eſq; and Margaret, that died young.

22. Sir Thomas Wodehouſe, Knt. and Bart. was knighted by King James, as aforeſaid, and was gentleman to Prince Henry, was twice member of parliament for Thetford, in King Charles I. time, viz. in 1639, and 1640: he married (*d*) Blanch, daughter of John, baron of Hunſdon, ſiſter to Henry, lord Hunſdon, viſcount Rochford, and earl of Dover, by whom he had iſſue, two ſons, Sir Philip his ſucceſſor; and John, that died young; and five daughters: 1. Mercy, who died young. 2. Mary, married to Sir Humphry Monnoux, of Wotton, in Bedfordſhire, Bart. 3. Anne, married to Robert Suckling, of Wotton, in Norfolk, Eſq; 4. Jane, wife to Sir Hugh Windham, Knt. ſerjeant at law; and 5. Elizabeth (*e*), married to Sir Denner Strut, of Little-Warley, in Eſſex, Bart. ſhe died Nov. 6, 1651, and was buried in Kimberley-church (*f*).

Sir Thomas died in 1658, and is buried in Kimberley-chancel, near the north ſide, in the altar-rails: his arms, and his wife's, are impaled, ſupported by two wild men, holding clubs, with the creſt of the hand and club, and *Frappè fort*, with theſe verſes on his ſtone:

God's Mercy and Chriſt's Merrits make me truſt,
To ryſe from ſleeping in my ſinfull Duſt,
For aye to prayſe Jehovah, with the Juſt.

Hæc dictavit ipſe, ſub ſemi-horam moribundus,
Thomas Wodehouſe Miles & Baronettus.
Mar. 18, 1658. (*g*)

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(*a*) Rot. Parl. (*b*) Kimb. Rr. (*c*) Peacham, 3d edit. 4to, p. 236. (*d*) Collins's peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 177, and Chauncy's Hertfordſhire, p. 199. (*e*) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 40. (*f*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. V. p. 5. (*g*) Ibid. p. 39.

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23. Sir Philip Wodehouſe, Bart. (*a*) was one of the burgeſſes for Thetford, in that parliament that reſtored K. Charles II. anno 1660: he was baptized at Kimberley, July 24, 1608, and was a man of good learning, ready wit, and exceeding ſkilful in muſick. He married Lucy, daughter of Sir Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in Huntingtonſhire, Bart. (by Margaret, his firſt wife, daughter of the lord William Howard, of Naworth-caſtle, in Cumberland, third ſon of Thomas, duke of Norfolk;) and died at Kimberley, and was buried there, May 6, 1681, of whom there is the following juſt character on his grave-ſtone, which hath the arms, creſt, and motto of Wodehouſe, impaling Cotton, viz. Azure, an Eagle diſplay'd, Argent, arm'd, and beaked Gules, and lies in the altar-rails, on the ſouth ſide.

> Hic jacet Philippus Wodehouſe, Baronettus, qui in Deum, Principem, & Patriam, Eximium Pietatis Exemplar emicuit, Clementia fuit in ſuos, omneſque quibuſcum vixerat admiranda, Theologiæ ſimul & Philoſophiæ ita operam dedit, ut utramque Vita & Moribus expreſſerit, Muſas & Muſicam ſtudioſe colens, Vitam ſibi & ſuis amœniorem reddidit, quumque Annos fere tres, ſupra ſeptuaginta exegerat, tranquillam obiit Mortem quinto Nonas Maii, Anno Salutis, 1681.

His lady lies by him, with this inſcription on her ſtone, in the midſt of the altar-rails:

> Here lyeth the Body of Dame Lucy Wodehouſe, the Relict of Sir Philip Wodehouſe, of Kimberley, Bart. Daughter to Sir Thomas Cotton, of Connington, in Huntingtonſhire; ſhe was of a genuine, yet ſtrict Modeſty, tender, not fond Love to her Children, great Mildneſs to her Servants, Candour and Charity univerſal; ſhe departed this Life the 26th of June, 1684. (*b*)

He had iſſue by her, three ſons, and two daughters; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Edmond, of Eaſt-Lexham, in Norfolk, who married, firſt, Mercy, daughter of Sir Philip Parker, of Arwarton, in Suffolk, Knt. relict of William Guybbon, of Thursford, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons; Philip, buried at Kimberley, Aug. 8, 1703; and John who died without iſſue, and was buried at Lexham: alſo two daughters; Lucy, married to Lewis Monnoux, of Sandy, in Bedfordſhire, Eſq; and Mercy, that died without iſſue. The ſaid Edmond, married to his ſecond wife, Anne, daughter of John Anguiſh, of Great-Melton, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue: he died, Sept. 5, 1727, aged eighty-eight, and was

(*a*) Blomefield's Norfolk, p. 468.

(*b*) Le Neve's Monum. Anglic. vol. III. p. 55.

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was buried at Kimberley. 3. John Wodehouſe, of Feltwell, Eſq; who married Anne, daughter of Sir Denner Strutt, of Little-Warley, Bart. relict of William Samwell, of Watton, in Norfolk, Eſq; and died in 1718, and his wife in 1720 (*a*), by whom he had a daughter, Elizabeth, now living. The daughters of Sir Philip, were, Blanch, married to Sir Jacob Aſtley, of Melton-Conſtable, in Norfolk, Bart. and Margaret, the wife of Thomas Savage, of Elmley-caſtle, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq;

24. Sir Thomas Wodehouſe, was knighted by King Charles II. Nov. 2. 1666, and died of the ſmall-pox, at Kimberley, 1671, and lieth buried there in the chancel, with this inſcription, and the arms of Wodehouſe, with the label of 3, to diſtinguiſh him to be the eldeſt ſon, and his father living, impaling Airmine, or Armyn, viz. Ermine, a Saltyr ingrailed Gules, on a Chief of the ſecond, a Lyon Paſſant, Or.

> Thomas Wodehouſe Eques Auratus, Philippi Wodehouſe Baronetti (id Nominis ſecundi) Primogenitus, Litterarum, Humanitatis, Virtutum Exemplar, cum illuſtrem Familiam (e qua per directam ſupra viginti Equitum Auratorum, & Baronettorum Seriem tranſmiſſus) magis illuſtraſſet, & ſe meliori ſeculo dignum oſtendiſſet, tricesimo tertio Peregrinationis ſuæ Anno (quo vivere plerique vix incipiunt) nondum peracto, orbos Parentes, Viduam Uxorem caſtiſſimam, Annam (Filiam & Cohæredem Gulielmi Armyn in Agro Lincolnienſi Baronetti) Orphanos Liberos, lugentes omnes relinquens, Patriam cœleſtem petiit, vicesimo nono die Aprilis, Anno Salvatoris Chriſti MDCLXXI.

He married Anne, daughter and coheir of Sir William Airmine, of Oſgodby, in Lincolnſhire, Bart. who ſurviv'd him, and remarried Thomas, lord Crew, of Stene, by whom ſhe had four daughters; Jemima, married to Henry de Grey, duke of Kent; Armyn, to Thomas Cartwright, of Ayno, in Northamptonſhire, Eſq; Catherine, to Sir John Harpur, of Calke, in Derbyſhire, Bart. and Elizabeth, to Charles, earl of Arran, and lord Butler, of Weſton, brother of James, duke of Ormond. After lord Crew's death, ſhe married, a third time, to Arthur (Herbert) earl of Torrington.

Sir Thomas, by Anne aforeſaid, had only one ſon, Sir John; and a daughter, Anne, married to Sir Nicholas Leſtrange, of Hunſtanton, in Norfolk, Bart.

25. Sir John Wodehouſe, the preſent baronet, only ſon and heir of Sir Thomas, who ſucceeded his grandfather in title and eſtate, was born at Kimberley, March 23, 1669. In 1695, he was

(*a*) Mr. Blomefield's Norfolk, p. 587.

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was elected burgeſs in parliament for the borough of Thetford, in Norfolk, of which he is now recorder. In 1697, he rebuilt Melford-bridge, and his arms are carv'd upon it, with this inſcription (*a*): *Hic Pons ſumptubus Johannis Woodhouſe, Barti, extructus fuit anno Dom.* 1697, *qui bono publico optime conſuluit.* He ſerved again for the borough of Thetford, in 1701, and 1705, and in the ninth of Queen Anne, was elected knight of the ſhire with Sir Jacob Aſtley, Bart. for the county of Norfolk: he married, firſt, Elizabeth, ſiſter of John, lord Bingley, who is buried in the vault, in Kimberley-chancel, with this inſcription:

Hic jacet Elizabetha, Uxor Johis Wodehouſe, Baronetti, quæ Spiritum ſuum in Manus Domini commendavit, 5° Die Januarii, Annoq; Dom. 1700. (*b*)

By her, Sir John had no iſſue.

His ſecond lady was Mary, only daughter of William, lord Lempſter, (by his ſecond wife, Catherine, daughter to John, lord Paulet, and half-ſiſter to John, earl Paulet) (*c*) and half-ſiſter to the preſent earl of Pomfret; ſhe is buried at Kimberley, and left iſſue, three ſons, and one daughter.

William Wodehouſe, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, married Frances, daughter of Allan, lord Bathurſt, and was elected one of the members of this preſent parliament, for the county of Norfolk, but died of the ſmall-pox, at London, 1733, without iſſue, and is buried in a vault belonging to lord Bathurſt's family, in St. James's Church, Weſtminſter. His widow, (who is now living) was re-married to James Whitſhed, of Ireland, Eſq;

Armine Wodehouſe, Eſq; ſecond ſon, and now heir to Sir John Wodehouſe, Bart. upon his brother's death was choſen in his place, to ſerve in parliament for the county of Norfolk, and now is one of the repreſentatives thereof: he married Leticia, eldeſt daughter and coheir of Sir Edmund Bacon, of Garboldeſham, in Norfolk, primier baronet of all England, by whom he hath iſſue one ſon, Edmund. Thomas, the third ſon, is unmarried.

Sophia, Sir John's only daughter, married Sir Charles Mordaunt, of Maſſingham, in Norfolk, and Walton, in Warwickſhire, Bart. and died, April, 1738, leaving iſſue, two ſons, and a daughter, John, Charles, and Mary.

ARMS: Sable, a Cheveron, Or, *Gutte de ſang*, between three Cinquefoils, Ermine.

CREST: A dexter Hand iſſuing out of Clouds, proper, holding a Club, with this Motto about it, *Frappè fort*, and under the arms, *Agincourt*.

SUPPORTERS.

(*a*) Mr. Blomefield's antiquities of Norfolk, (in Thetford) p. 456. (*b*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. V. p. 184. (*c*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. III. p. 735.

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SUPPORTERS: Two Savages, or wild Men, proper, wreathed about the Head and Waſte with Oak-Leaves, vert, each with a Club over their Shoulder, vert.

SEATS: At *Kimberley*, and *Downham-lodge*, in *Norfolk*.

16. TYRWHITT, of Stainfield, Lincolnſhire.

(Sir PHILIP, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS ancient family has been long ſeated in the county of Lincoln. Mr. Camden makes their name *(a)* local; tho' there is a tradition in the family, which has been handed from father to ſon, that the firſt of the Tyrwhitts, valiantly defending a bridge (tho' the time not mentioned) was, after the action was over, ſought after by the general, on the other ſide, and found ſleeping amongſt ſome ruſhes, and was diſcovered by the cries and beating of the lapwings, from whence he was called Tyrwhitt, and afterwards had the three lapwings aſſigned him for his coat of arms.

Mr. Collier, in his hiſtorical dictionary, ſays, 'The Tyrwhitts 'are conſiderably ancient, as appears by their being high ſheriffs 'of Lincolnſhire *(b)*, 22 Ed. IV. and of Yorkſhire, 14 Hen. VI.' 'And another author ſpeaking of them, ſays *(c)*, 'A family of 'great honour and antiquity, in the county of Lincoln, deſcended 'from Robert Tirwhitt, an eminent lawyer, in the reigns of 'King Henry IV. and V. He was firſt called to the degree of 'a ſerjeant, and then conſtituted one of the juſtices of the court 'of common-pleas, out of which court he was removed to the 'king's bench.' Mr. Camden, in his Britannia *(d)*, ſpeaking of Kettleby, ſays, 'The ſeat of the famous family of the Tir-'whitts, knights, who now reſide at Stanfield.'

The firſt mentioned in the pedigree, is, Sir Hercules Tyrwhitt, Knt. *(e)* living 10 Hen. I. eldeſt ſon of Robert Tyrwhitt, of Kettleby, in com. Lincoln. and of Echingham *(f)*, in com. Suſſex. He married the daughter of Sir Thomas Skargill, Knt. his deſcendant, Robert Tyrwhitt, of Kettleby, living, temp. Edw. II. was father of Sir William Tyrwhitt, of the ſame place, Knt. who,

(a) Camden's Remains, 8vo. p. 151. *(b)* See alſo Fuller's Worthies in com. Linc. & com. Ebor. *(c)* Philips, in his liſt of thoſe families raiſed to honour and wealth, by the profeſſion of the law, p. 35, and 207. *(d)* Vol. I. p. 570. *(e)* Ex in-ſpex. Dom. Jo. Tyrwhitt, Bar. *(f)* The inheritance of the Echingham's, came by heirs females to the barons of Windſor and the Tirwhitts. Camden, vol. I. p. 212.

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who, by the daughter and heir of Groval, had iſſue, Sir Robert *(a)*, who married the daughter of Kelke, of Kelke, in Yorkſhire, whoſe ſon, Sir William, married a daughter of St. Quintyn, and had iſſue Adam, who, by a daughter of Lumley, was father of Sir Robert, who took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Waterton, Knt. by whom he had Sir William Tyrwhitt, of Kettleby, Knt. *(b)* ſheriff of Lincolnſhire, 9 Hen. VIII. who married Anne, daughter of Sir Robert Conſtable, of Flamborough, in Yorkſhire, Knt. by whom he had one ſon, Sir Robert, and two daughters, Agnes, wife to Thomas, lord Burgh; and Elizabeth, married to Sir William Skipwith, of Ormeſby, in com. Lincoln. Knt. This Sir William, died in 1522, and was buried in Lincoln-cathedral.

Sir Robert, the only ſon, was knighted, and ſheriff of Lincolnſhire, 15 Hen. VIII. and by his wife, the daughter of Sir Gilbert Talboys, of Kyme, in com. Linc. Knt. had iſſue, three ſons; and ſix daughters; 1. Sir William, of Kettleby. 2. Sir Robert, who left only a daughter and heir, Catherine, married to Henry Darcy, Eſq; ſon and heir to Sir Arthur Darcy, Knt. ſecond ſon to Thomas, lord Darcy. 3. Philip, of whom hereafter. The daughters were, Anne, married to —— Bolles, of Hough, Eſq; Agnes, married to William, ſon and heir to Sir William Hanſard, Knt. Elizabeth *(c)*, to William Monſon, of South-Carleton, Eſq; Catherine, to John, ſon and heir to Sir Richard Thimelby, Knt. Margaret, to Matthew St. Paul, of Snarford, Eſq; and Maud, to George Portington, of Sawcliff, Eſq; all in the county of Lincoln.

Sir William, the eldeſt ſon, was ſheriff of Lincolnſhire, 28 Hen. VIII. and lies buried in the chancel of the church of Scotter, under a marble tomb *(d)*, whereon the following memorial was engaved in braſs:

> Hic jacet Willielmus Tyrwhitt, Miles, qui obiit 19°
> Die Martii, Anno Dom. 1541, cujus, &c.

Robert, the eldeſt ſon of the ſaid Sir William, inherited the eſtate at Kettleby, &c. was ſheriff of Lincolnſhire, 32 Hen. VIII. and a perſon of great note, and lies buried in the chancel of Beakly-church, under a ſtately monument of white alabaſter *(e)*; upon the flat whereof, about a yard high, lieth in full proportion, the effigies of a knight, in compleat armour, with his wife on his left ſide, their hands elevated, his head girt with an oaken wreath,

(a) Hen. de Sutton remiſit Robto Tyrwhitt jus in Advoc. eccleſia de Kirketon in le Cley juxta Wellagh in com. Nott. Teſtib. Ricardo de Stanhop, Tho. de Hercy, Milit. Radó Makerell, Wil. Waſtneys, & al. dat. apud averham 2 Martii, 13 Hen. IV. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 49. *(b)* Fuller's Worthies in Lincolnſhire. *(c)* Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 497. *(d)* Ex Coll. Gerv. Holles, Armi. *(e)* Ibid. præd.

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and under his feet an ape guardant. Under her head, a pillow, and at her feet, a lion. On the ſides, in a border, between two verges, above the pedeſtals that ſuſtain a canopy, is the 128th pſalm in metre; and below, in another border, are the ſtatues of twenty-one children, ſons and daughters, four of them infants, in ſwathing-clothes; and under them, in another border, the ſeveral eſcutcheons of their arms differenc'd. On the wall ſide adjoining, is rais'd another quadrate, ſupported by two columns, the ſides hollow'd and adorn'd with carv'd work, the edges garniſh'd with gold. On the top, in the middle, is a death's head; and at one end, Fame, with her trumpet; under which is written, *Fame ſoundeth on hye.* At the other end, Time, wing'd, with a forelock, holding in one hand a fickle, in the other, an hour-glaſs; under which is written, *Time truth doth trye.* In a quadrate, are eſcutcheons of the arms and quarterings of him and his lady, empal'd, ſupported by two ſavages, with clubs in their hands, mantled Gules, doubled Or; the Creſt, a Lapwing's head, eras'd; and the Motto, *Temps eſprova verite.* Within a ſquare, is a table with this inſcription:

Hic jacet Robertus Tirwhit, de Kettleby, Miles,
qui obiit 13 Die Novembris, Anno Dom. 1581, ac
etiam Elizabetha, Uxor ejus quæ obiit Die.

Below,

Vigilate & Orate, quia neſcitis
Diem neque Horam.

From this Sir Robert, of Kettleby, notwithſtanding he had ſo many children, 'tis imagined, none are exiſting of the male line; ſo that the principal branch remaining, is from Philip Tyrwhitt, Eſq; beforementioned, third ſon of Sir Robert, by his wife, the daughter of Sir Gilbert Taylboys.

Which Philip Tyrwhitt, Eſq; was ſeated at Barton, upon Humber, in the county of Lincoln; and by Margaret, his wife, daughter and coheir of Edward Barnaby, had iſſue Edward, his ſon and heir, who ſettled himſelf at Stainfield, in com. Linc. and by Anne, his wife (*a*), daughter of William Dallyſon, of Laughton, in com. Linc. Eſq; and ſiſter to Sir William Dallyſon, Knt. one of the juſtices of the king's-bench, had iſſue two ſons, Philip, and Roger.

Sir Philip, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the eſtate at Stainfield; and, with his eldeſt ſon, Edward, waited on his majeſty King James I. at Belvoir-caſtle, when he lay there in his way from Scotland, to take poſſeſſion of the crown of England, and had the honour of knighthood conferr'd both on himſelf, and his ſaid ſon,

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 50.

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ſon, by that King, who likewiſe conferred on the ſaid Sir Philip, the dignity of baronet, A. D. 1611. He married Martha (*a*), daughter of Sir Anthony Thorold, of Marſton, in com. Linc. Knt. and dying the 5th of February, 1624, was ſucceeded in title and eſtate by the ſaid Sir Edward, his ſon and heir.

Which Sir Edward Tyrwhitt, of Stainfield, Knt. and Bart. married two wives; firſt, Faith, daughter of Thomas, and ſiſter and ſole heir to Sir George St. Paul, of Snarford, in com. Linc. Bart. by whom he had iſſue two ſons, Sir Philip, his ſucceſſor, and Edward; and three daughters, 1. Martha, who married Sir William Helwiſh, Knt. 2. Mary, wife of Charles Pelham, of Manton, in com. Linc. Eſq; 3. Eliz. wife of Gervaſe Elways, of Gainſborough, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir Gervaſe Elways, of Worlaby, in com. Linc. Knt.

By Elizabeth, his ſecond wife, daughter of George Chute (*b*), of Bethersden, in Kent, Eſq; he had iſſue, Edward Tyrwhitt, Mary, and Anne.

Sir Philip Tyrwhitt (*c*), the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate: he was a great ſufferer for his loyalty to K. Charles I. and paid 3488l. 15s. compoſition for his eſtate, to the ſequeſtrators (*d*); and having married Anne, ſecond daughter of Nicholas, lord viſcount Caſtleton, (grandfather of James, the late viſcount, created likewiſe baron Sanderſon, of Saxby, by his late majeſty King George,) had iſſue four ſons, Sir Philip, his ſucceſſor, Edward, and William, who died without iſſue, and Nicholas, who married a daughter of Sir Thomas Grantham, Knt. and had three ſons, all dead, without iſſue: Sir Philip, had likewiſe two daughters; Faith, married to George (*e*), eldeſt ſon of Sir George Heneage, of Hainton, in com. Lincoln, Knt. and Frances (*f*), to Anthony Monſon, of Northrop, in com. Linc. Eſq;

Sir Philip Tyrwhitt, of Stainfield, Bart. ſon and heir of Sir Philip, married Penelope, daughter of Sir Eraſmus de la Fountain, of Kirby-Billers, in com. Linc. Knt. by whom he had twelve children, ſons and daughters; of which, only one daughter lived to be of age, and married Sir Edward Southcot, of Witham, Knt. and of the ſons, only Sir John, ſurvived.

Which Sir John Tyrwhitt, Bart. ſucceeded his father in the title and eſtate, at Stainfield, &c. and was member of parliament for the city of Lincoln, in the two parliaments called by K. Geo. I. and in the firſt of his preſent majeſty K. Geo. II. He married two wives; firſt, Eliz. daughter and coheir to Francis Philips, of Kempton-Park, in Sunbury, in Middleſex, Eſq; by whom he had three daughters, whereof only two are now living; Penelope, the eldeſt married to George Short, of Keal, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; and the youngeſt, to Car Brakenbury, Eſq; And after her death,

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. ibid. (*b*) Sir Edw. Byſhe's Surry, p. 60. (*c*) Viſit. Linc. 1634. (*d*) See liſt of thoſe that compounded for their eſtates, in letter T. (*e*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 122. (*f*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 501.

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Sir John, married, ſecondly, Mary, daughter of Sir William Drake, of Shardelows, in com. Bucks. Knt. (which lady died, Nov. 1738,) by whom he had ſix ſons, and ſix daughters (*a*), of which, he left only one ſon, Sir John de la Fountain, his ſucceſſor, and four daughters, Mary, Juliana, Frances, and Sarah, who are now living; the reſt dying young. Sir John, died, Nov. 1741, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his only ſon,

Sir John de la Fountain Tyrwhitt, the preſent baronet, who is as yet unmarried. He is choſen in the preſent parliament, one of the repreſentatives for the city of Lincoln.

ARMS: Gules, three Tyrwhitts, or Lapwings, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Savage Man, proper, encompaſſed about the Waſte, with a Garland, Vert.

MOTTO: *Me ſtante virebunt.*

SEAT: *Stainfield*, in *Lincolnſhire*.

17. MORDAUNT, of Maſſingham, Norfolk.

(L'ESTRANGE, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

IT appears from the records of this family, collected in the reign of King Charles II. and printed at the charge of Henry, earl of Peterborough (*b*), that Oſbert le Mordaunt, a Norman knight, was poſſeſſed of Radwell, in Bedfordſhire, by the gift of his brother, which he had of William, the conqueror, for his ſervices, and the ſervice of his father, in the conqueſt of this kingdom, as is evident from the following charter:

'*Euſtachius de Sancto Ægidio, omnibus hominibus & Amicis ſuis tam Francigenis, quam Anglicis, ſalutem. Sciatis me dediſſe, & hac præſenti Charta confirmaſſe, Oſberto dicto le Mordaunt, fratri meo, pro Homagio & Servitio ſuo, Terram meam de Radwell, cum omnibus pertinentiis, & Libertatibus ſuis, ſibi & Hæredibus ejus, tenendum de me & Hæredibus meis liberè & quietè, honorificè & hæreditariè, ſicut illum ego inter alia recepi ac tenui de Donatione & Munificentia Willielmi illuſtriſſimi Regis Angliæ, pro Servitiis quæ Pater meus in Conqueſtu, & ego ſibi fecimus, per Servitium dimidiæ Partis Feodi unius Militis pro omni Servitio ſeculari. Ego vero prædictus Euſtachius de Sancto Ægidio, & Hæredes mei prædictam Terram prædicto Oſberto, & Hæredibus*

'*ejus*

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Tyrwhitt, Bar. Mordaunt, &c.

(*b*) Halſted's Genealogical Rec. de fam.

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'*ejus contra omnes Homines & Fœminas warrantizabimus. His* '*Teſtibus, Ranulpho Filio Thomæ Harvee, &c.*'

This Sir Oſbert le Mordaunt, for (as appears by other authorities) he was a knight, had iſſue two ſons, Oſmund, and Baldwin, as I find by charters of the ſaid Oſbert, and his ſon, Oſmund; the former giving land in Radwell, to his younger ſon, Baldwin, which his brother confirmed to him. This Oſmund, had iſſue, Euſtach le Mordaunt, who, by marriage with Alicia, eldeſt daughter and coheir of William de Alneto, modernly called Dauney, became poſſeſſed of the lordſhip of Turvey, in Bedfordſhire; a moiety of which, he had in the life-time of her father, as appears by his charter, without date, wherein he gave to the ſaid Euſtach, and his heirs, a moiety of all his lands in the ville of Turvey, by the ſervice of half a knight's fee; Robert le Mordaunt, his brother, being a witneſs (among others) to the charter.

Several deeds of this Euſtach, are extant, by the name of Euſtachius Mordaunt de Wahall. He gave in free alms, to the canons of St. John the evangeliſt, of Caudewell, for the health of his own ſoul, his wive's, and the ſouls of his anceſtors and ſucceſſors, the church of St. John Baptiſt, of Batonenci, and ten acres of land, in Turvey; and a fine was levied, in 9 Rich. I. between the ſaid Euſtach, and Gilbert, ſon of William, concerning one virgate of land, with the appurtenances, in Radwell, which Oſmund, father of the ſaid Euſtach, held.

William Mordaunt, his ſon and heir, was lord of Turvey, Radwell, Aſthull, and other lands: he married Amicia, daughter of William Olney, of Olney, in com. Bucks, and was ſucceeded therein by a ſon of his own name.

Which William, was likewiſe poſſeſſed of Chicheley, and had licence from King Edward I. in the twenty-fifth of his reign, to encloſe his paſture of Woleſey, his field called Turvey-Lees, his paſture of Manſelgrove, and other his lands in Turvey (*a*), to form a park. He had iſſue, by Roſe, his wife, daughter of Sir Ralph Wake, Knt.

Robert, his ſon and heir, mentioned in charters, in 16 Ed. II. and 7 and 29 Ed. III. was knight of the ſhire for the county of Bedford, in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, in 15 Ed. III. He married Joan, daughter of Thomas Frowick, and had iſſue, Edmund le Mordaunt, who added to the poſſeſſions of his anceſtors, Clifton, and Shephall, and lived in the reign of King Edward III. as appears by his charters. He married Helen, daughter and coheir of Ralph Brook (from whoſe other daughter and coheir, Agnes, the preſent earl of Cardigan is deſcended. And

(*a*) Mem. amongſt the fines of King Edw. I. Com. Bedf. I ſaw a fine of —— Mordaunt, of Turvey, of lands there; the original in the court of receipts of the exchequer. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 53.

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the ſaid Ralph Brook, was the ſon of Laurence Brook, who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Ralph Perrot, and of Caſſandra, his wife, daughter and heir of Giles de Argenten.) From which match proceeded Robert le Mordaunt, his ſon and heir.

This Robert le Mordaunt, is mentioned in deeds, in 49 Ed. III. and 14 Richard II. and having married Agnes, daughter and heir of John Strange, of Ampton-Tynworth, in Suffolk, by Elizabeth his wife, daughter and heir of William Butler, of Walden, in Eſſex, had iſſue, a ſon, of his own name, who ſucceeded him.

Which Robert, in 9 Henry V. was one of the knights for the county of Bedford, in the parliament which met at Weſtminſter; and by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Holdenby, of Holdenby, in com. Northamp. (who remarried to Thomas Tanfeld, of Geyton, in com. Northton. Eſq;) was father of William Mordaunt, Eſq;

This William, was living in 11 Ed. IV. and married Margaret, daughter of John Pecke, of Cople, in Bedfordſhire, by whom he had, among other children, John, ſerjeant at law, chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter, and one of the privy-council, temp. Hen. VII. anceſtor to the preſent earl of Peterborough, and William; as alſo a daughter, Joan, wife of Sir Giles Strangeways, of Melbury, in the county of Dorſet, Knt.

William, the ſecond ſon, covenanted 14 Feb. 10 Hen. VII. to marry Anne, ſecond daughter and coheir of Thomas Huntingdon, of Hempſted, in Eſſex, Eſq; which was conſummated on the 5th of June following, his brother, John Mordaunt, ſettling on her, as a jointure, the manor of Woodend, with the appurtenances, and ſeveral lands and tenements in Rockſden, Bereford, Chalneſtre, Colmouth, and Colleſden, in Bedfordſhire; and all his lands in Tychmerſh and Clopton, in Northamptonſhire; and the ſaid Thomas Huntingdon, her father, ſettled on them, after his death, and on John Paris, of Linton, in Cambridgeſhire, Eſq; (who had married his other daughter) all his manors and lands in Cambridgeſhire, and Eſſex. This William Mordaunt, writing himſelf, of Hempſted in Eſſex, makes his will, 22 Dec. 19 Henry VIII. (the probate whereof bears date, 22 June, 1513) and orders his body to be buried by his wife, in the church of Hempſted, if he died at London, or as near to Hempſted as London; and that, as ſoon as may be after his deceaſe, there be five maſſes ſaid for his ſoul of the five wounds, and five trentals for his ſoul, and the ſoul of Anne, his wife, whereof, one to be at the Friers of Bedford, and the other four to be at the four orders, at Cambridge. He bequeaths to the church of Hempſted, a ſuit of veſtments, and a cope of black velvet, of the price of 20l. with the arms of him and his wife, on the cope and veſtments. And that a ſtone of marble be provided by his executors, to be laid

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upon him and his wife, with their images, and this inſcription graven on the ſtone: ‘ *His jacet Willielmus Mordaunt, de Hempſted, nuper capitalis Prothonotariis Cur. Domini Regis de Com. Banco, Filius Willielmi Mordaunt, de Turvey, in Com. Bedford, Armiger; & Anna Uxor ejuſdem Willielmi Filii, quæ Anna obiit die Sabbati, 12 Die Decembris, Anno Domini Milleſimo, Quingenteſimo XVII.*’ And that his executors cauſe the day and year of his deceaſe to be put on the ſame ſtone, with *Quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.* He moreover wills, that his bible, and all his other books, as well of the law, as of entries, Engliſh books and Latin books, remain to the heirs-male of his body, lawfully begotten, from one to the other, without ſelling or putting away any of them. He bequeaths to Chriſtopher Mordaunt, his ſon, his manor of Weldberne, and lands in Depden; to Edmund Mordaunt, his ſon, his manor of Burghall, and lands and tenements in Swafham-Bulbeck, Swafham-Prior, and Roche, and elſewhere in the county of Kent; to George Mordaunt, his ſon, his manor of Dales, in Thunderſley, and all his lands in Wymbiſh. Chriſtopher and George, died without iſſue; Edmund, was ſeated at Thunderſley, in Eſſex, and married Agnes, daughter of the lord Rich.

But Robert Mordaunt, was his eldeſt ſon, who was ſeated at Hempſted, in eſſex (*a*), and by marriage with Barbara, daughter and heir of John L'Eſtrange, of Maſſingham, in Norfolk, Eſq; by Margaret, his wife (*b*), daughter and coheir of Thomas L'Eſtrange, of Walton-Deivile, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; became poſſeſſed of both thoſe eſtates. He had iſſue ſeveral children; Henry Mordaunt, Eſq; his eldeſt ſurviving ſon, was of Grimſton, and King's-Lynn, in Norfolk, and lies interr'd in St. Margaret's church, in King's-Lynn, with Anne his wife, daughter of —— Poley, in com. Bedf. by whom he had iſſue, L'Eſtrange, and George, who married the daughter of —— Caſtell, of Ravenſingham.

L'Eſtrange Mordaunt, the eldeſt ſon, born at Lynn, about the year 1572, who was bred to arms in his youth, and ſignaliz'd himſelf in the Low-country wars, between the Spaniards and the States of Holland, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and during his ſtay there, married Margaret, daughter of —— Charles, of Antwerp. He was afterwards called into the ſervice of the ſaid Queen, againſt the rebels in Ireland, where he remained ſeveral years, till he ſucceeded to the eſtate of his anceſtors at Maſſingham, &c. by the death of his father and his uncles; when he return'd into England, and was created a baronet, 29 June, A. D. 1611. He departed this life in the year 1627, and was buried at Maſſingham,

(*a*) See Fines Trin. 21 Hen. VIII. N. 100. 37. Hen. VIII. 176. (*b*) Dugdale's Warwickſhire, vol. I. p. 577.

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ſingham, leaving two ſons; Sir Robert, his ſucceſſor; and Henry, of Congham, in Norfolk, who married Barbara, daughter of James Calthorp, of Cockthorp, in Norfolk, Eſq; and was father to L'Eſtrange Mordaunt, Eſq; who married Barbara, daughter of Richard, and ſiſter of Sir Nevil Catlin, of Kirby-Cane, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had iſſue, Henry Mordaunt, of Congham, in Norfolk, Eſq; and Barbara, married to captain John Brown, of Scarning, in the ſame county.

Sir Robert, was knighted in the life-time of his father, and ſucceeded him in the title and eſtate: he reſided, for the moſt part, at Hempſted, in Eſſex; at which ſeat he died, Aug. 23, 1638, and had interrment there; leaving, by Amy his wife, daughter of Sir Auſtin Southerton (*a*), in com. Norf. Knt. three ſons; 1. Sir Charles, his ſucceſſor. 2. Robert, of Heſperton, in com. Warw. who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Rouſe, of Utrecht, in Holland, had a daughter, Elizabeth, married to Robert Throckmorton, Eſq; ſon of Clement Throckmorton, of Haſely, in com. Warw. Eſq; and a ſon, John-Lewis Mordaunt, who married the daughter of —— Harrington, of Lincolnſhire, Eſq; relict of Sir William Thorold, of Haugh, in com. Linc. Bart. 3. William, of Scovis-town, in com. Pembrok. who married the daughter and heir of Butler, of Scovis-town, and left iſſue. Of Sir Robert's daughters, Amy, married —— Eſtcourt, and Anne, to —— Pickering, Eſqrs.

Sir Charles, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the baronetſhip and the eſtate, reſided at Maſſingham, and, during the civil wars, teſtified his loyalty to King Charles I. had his eſtate ſequeſter'd, and was one of thoſe ſhut up in Lynn, when it was beſieged by the rebels. He married Catherine (*b*), daughter of Sir Lyonel Talmach, of Helmingham, in Suffolk, Bart. by whom he had four ſons; Sir Charles, his ſucceſſor; Talmach, who died in the life-time of his father; Sir John, and Henry, who died young: alſo three daughters; Catherine, Elizabeth, and Amy, who died unmarried. Sir Charles died at London, July 10, A. D. 1648, and was buried at Maſſingham, with the following inſcription over him:

On a grave-ſtone is this:

Hic ſublicantur Reliquiæ Domini Caroli Mordaunt, de Maſſingham, Militis & Baronetti, Filii & Hæredis Roberti Mordaunt, Militis item & Baronetti; qui Filius fuit, itidem, Hæreſque Domini L'Eſtrange Mordaunt. De quo Domino Carolo plura ad murum orientalem legantur, 1648.

And

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 577. (*b*) Ibid.

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And on a marble monument in golden letters:

Sir Charles Mordaunt, Knt. and Bart. died at London, July the 10th, 1648, aged 33. He was married to Catherine, the Daughter of Sir Lionel Talemache, of Helmingham, in Suffolk, Knt. and Bart. by whom he had Sir Charles, his eldeſt Son; Catherine, Talemache, (dying before his father) John, Henry, (departed alſo) Elizabeth, Amy.

Here remains in civil Truſt,
His belov'd bewailed Duſt;
Whoſe Goodneſs is ſecur'd from Fear
Of finding any Sepulchre.

His widow afterwards married Sir Charles Lee, of Billeſlee, in com. Warw. Knt.

Sir Charles, his eldeſt ſon, and ſucceſſor, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Mr. Nicholas Johnſon, of London, and neice to Sir William Turner, Knt. lord-mayor of London, and dying without iſſue, was buried at Maſſingham, with this epitaph:

Carolus Mordaunt, Baronettus, Caroli Mordaunt, Baronetti, & Catharina Talmach, Filius, Humanitatis & Virtutis Exemplar, obiit Anno 1664, Die 24 Aprilis, Anno Ætatis 25, in æternum Doloris & Amoris Monumentum Elizabethatori integerrima Marmor hoc poſuit.

His widow, afterwards married Francis Godolphin, of Colſton, in Wilts, Eſq;

Talmach, the next brother, dying before his father, as is mention'd on the monument, Sir John, his brother, ſucceeded in the title and eſtate.

Which Sir John Mordaunt, Bart. reſiding at Walton, in Warwickſhire, was choſen one of the knights of the ſhire for that county, in ſeveral parliaments, in the reigns of King William and Queen Anne. He took to wife, firſt, Anne, daughter of William Riſley, of the friery in Bedford, Eſq; (*a*) by whom he had only one daughter, Penelope, that died young: this lady Mordaunt, lies buried in Welleſburne-Haſtang, in the county of Warwick, having the following inſcription, on a large flat ſtone, cloſe to the communion-table, whereon are the arms, a Chevron, between three Eſtoiles, empaling, a Feſſe between three Creſcents, with theſe lines (*b*):

M. S.
Dna. Anna W. Riſley, de Bedford, Gen.
Filia & Hæres,
Dni J. Mordaunt, de Walton, in C. W. Bar.
Uxor amans & amata,

Caſta,

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 577. (*b*) Ibid. (ſecond edit. publiſh'd by Dr. Thomas,) vol. I. p. 574.

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Caſta, Pia, Fidelis,
Affabilitate, Pudicitia,
Et Morum Suavitate peramabilis,
Variolis malignis Occidens
Mortis exuvias
(Certe Spe renaſcendi ad Gloriam)
Hoc ſubter marmor depoſuit.
Obiit pridie Nonas Junii
Anno Salutis noſtræ CIↃIↃCXCII°.
Ætatis ſuæ XXX°.

Bis gravida & ſemel puerpera,
Heu nullam reliquit ſobolem,
Quippe alteram in Incunabulis,
Alteram in Utero,
Cum Matre ademptam lugemus,
Penelope, quam ſolam peperit,
Matrem præcedens,
Eodem quieſcit Sepulchro
Et ſic in Maternis amplexibus
Dormire videatur
Vita vix inchoata receſſit
Pridie Nonas Januarii
Anno Xti Incarnati CIↃIↃCXC°.
Menſe Ætatis ſuæ iii°.

Sir John, afterwards married Penelope, daughter of Sir George Warburton, of Arley, in Cheſhire, Bart. and left iſſue two ſons; Sir Charles, his ſucceſſor, and John; and two daughters, Penelope, married to Joſeph Herne, Eſq; and Catherine, who married Dr. Dobſon, warden of Winchester-college. He died Sept. 6, 1721, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Charles Mordaunt, the preſent baronet, who is one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Warwick: he married in 1720, one of the daughters of John Conyers, of Walthamſtow, in Eſſex, Eſq; who died, March, 1724, by whom he had iſſue, one daughter: he married to his ſecond lady, in 1730, Sophia, only daughter of Sir John Wodehouſe, of Kimberley, in Norfolk, Bart. who died in April, 1738, leaving iſſue two ſons, and a daughter; John, Charles, and Mary.

Arms: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Eſtoiles, ſable.

Crest: On a Wreath, a Negroe's Head, coup'd at the Shoulders, proper, wreath'd about the Temples with Ribbands, terminating in a double Beau-knot, Or and Azure.

Seats: At *Walton-D'Eivile*, in *Warwickſhire*, and *Maſſingham*, in *Norfolk*.

18. Worsley,

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18. WORSLEY, of Apuldercombe, Hampſhire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

SIR Elias de Workeſley (*a*), or Workedeley, as he was then called, took his name from his lordſhip of the ſame name, in com. Lanc. He is mentioned in the chronicles of the holy wars, to have made an expedition to Paleſtine, where 'tis wrote, that he fought many battles for the love of chriſtians, and dying at Rhodes, he lieth there buried: he gave for arms, Argent, a Chief, Gules, and left Richard, his ſon and heir, who, dying temp. Hen. I. left Roger de Workedeley, lord of Workedeley. This Roger, dying temp. Hen. II. left Richard, his heir, who left Geoffrey, lord of Workeſley, father of Richard, temp. Hen. III. who dying 27 Ed. I. left Henry, his heir, father to Richard (*b*), lord of Workeſley, which Richard, was father to Jordan de Workeſley; which Jordan, was the elder (*c*) brother, by a firſt wife, and Henry, was from a ſecond wife, who yet obtain'd the manor of Workeſley, which might be the reaſon that Jordan, in deſpight, left his paternal coat, and gave for his coat, Argent, a Cheveron, between three Choughs, Sable. This Jordan, lived in the beginning of the reign of Ed. III. From Henry, are deſcended the family of Worſley (*d*), who are now ſeated at Hovingham, in com. Ebor.

Jordan, left Geoffry, his ſon and heir, who was made a knight, and was retained by John, duke of Lancaſter, to accompany him in his expedition into France, 48 Ed. III. where this Sir Geoffry, with ſeveral other knights, was made a priſoner (*e*): the parliament petition (*f*) the king, that in conſideration of their great ſervices, he would pleaſe to redeem and ſet them at liberty; the ranſom ſet on them being ſo high, as is paſt their ability to pay: this Sir Geoffry, is ſaid, in the Glaſtonbury-chronicle (*g*), together with Sir John Harleſton, captain of Cherburg, in France, to have obtained a glorious victory over the French. We find, further, of this Sir Geoffry, that he was locum-tenens of the county of Kent, and keeper of the caſtle and town of Cherburg, in

(*a*) Ex Stem. Famil. per W. Ryley, Fecial delineat. & ex Autograph. penes Rob. Worſley, Bar. (*b*) Carta de conventione inter Rich. Workeſley, Dom. de Workeſley, & Abbat de Whally, anno 1322. (*c*) Stem. Famil prædict. in Offic. & Ret. Exch. in Offic. Lanc. poſt deceſſ. Aliciæ Maſſey, 19 Hen. VI. (*d*) Ex Infor. Ja. Worſley, de Pilewell Arm. (*e*) Hiſt. Ed. III. per Joſh. Barnes. (*f*) Rot. Par. 50 Ed. III. (*g*) Bib. Cotton Cleopatra, D. IV. Chron. Glaſtonb.

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in France, *inter protectiones* (*a*), 7 Ric. II. *pro Gab. de Workesley*, he left Ralph, his ſon and heir, who, marrying the daughter and heir of Pemberton, enjoyed the manor of Pemberton, near Wigan, in com. Lanc. and had there his principal ſeat or hall; he left Hugh, his ſon and heir, who married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standiſh, of Standiſh, in com. Lanc. Eſq; and left William, his eldeſt ſon, and Sir James, his ſecond ſon, who, being a page of the chamber to King Henry VII. he was, on King Henry VIIIth's acceſſion to the crown, firſt made yeoman of the king's wardrobe; 4 Henry VIII. he was made keeper of the lions in the Tower, in which office, he ſucceeded John, earl of Oxford; 5 Henry VIII. he had a grant of the office of conſtable of the caſtle of Careſbrook, in the iſle of Wight, in reverſion, for his life; 8 Henry VIII. he had a grant of the manor of Tarrant-Lauceſton, in com. Dorſ. to him and the heirs-male of his body; and ſoon after, he was made captain, or governor of the iſle of Wight, ſteward of the crown lands, and warden of the chaſe; and he had alſo a grant of an annuity of forty marks per ann. for his life; and having married Anne, the only ſurviving daughter and ſole heir of Sir John Lye or Leigh, in com. Dorſet. Knt. by Agnes, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Hacket, of Knighton, in the iſle of Wight, Eſq; he had with her, the ſaid Anne, the manor of Apuldercombe, and divers other manors and lands; he had by her, two ſons, Richard, and John, hereafter mentioned; and dying, 1538, was ſucceeded in the government of the ſaid iſle, by his ſon Richard, and by the then favourite, lord Cromwell, in the office of conſtable of Careſbrook-caſtle. By his will, after many pious and charitable bequeſts, he gave to the king his beſt gold chain; to the lord Cromwell, then lord privy-ſeal, his largeſt ſtanding cup, and to eight other of his friends, to each a ſilver cup. Richard Worſley, on the attainder of the lord Cromwell, ſucceeded him in the office of conſtable of Careſbrook, anno 1540 (*b*). The French being much ſuperior to us at ſea, had attempted our fleet, then in Portſmouth-harbour, but not being able to ſucceed in that attempt, they turned to St. Hellens, in the iſle of Wight, which they intended to take, and to make that the ſeat of war, and to build forts there; but they were, by the people of the iſle, and the conduct of their captain, Richard Worſley, ſoon drove back to their ſhips, with the loſs of their general. The ſaid Richard, held his commands, till the death of King Edward VI. when he was diſplaced by Queen Mary, for having been

(*a*) We find in the pedigree of this family, another Sir Geoffry Workeſley, but as he lived 19 Hen. VI. about ſixty years after theſe things ſaid of Sir Geoffry, 48 Ed. III. and alſo that Sir Robert de Workeſley, anceſtor to the younger Sir Geoffry, was knight of the ſhire for the county of Lancaſter, about the time when the firſt Sir Geoffry is ſpoken of; it appears from hence, that we are right in this account. (*b*) Godwin's Annals, 1545, and Stow's Ann.

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been active in promoting the reformation of religion. On the acceſſion of Queen Elizabeth to the throne, he was reſtored to all his commands, and being well ſkill'd in military affairs, was (*a*) joined in commiſſion with the lord Chidiock Paulet, to fortify Portſmouth. He was after this, ſent to fortify the iſles of Guernſey (*b*) and Jerſey, which were then threatned by the French: he married Urſula, daughter of John St. Barb, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, John, and George, who were both unfortunately blown up by gunpowder, at Apuldercombe, in the porter's lodge, their mother being then newly remarried to the famous Sir Francis Walſingham, Knt.

Whereupon, anno 1567, John, younger ſon of Sir James, ſucceeded to his nephews: he built and endowed a free-ſchool, at Godshill, as he had been directed by the will of the lady Worſley, his mother. He married Jane, daughter of Richard Meaux, of Kingſton, in the iſle of Wight, Eſq; and dying 1580, left two ſons, under age; John, the younger, died in his minority, and the wardſhip of Thomas, heir to John, was committed to Sir Francis Walſingham, under whoſe tuition he was ſo well educated, that he became an honour to his country: he married Barbara, daughter of William St. John, of Farley, in com. Southton, Eſq; and dying 1604, left Richard, his heir, and John, his ſecond ſon, to whom he bequeathed the manor of Gatecomb, in the ſaid iſle, which John, by Cicely, daughter of Sir Edward Richards, of Yaverland, Knt. was father to Sir Edward Worſley, Knt. (*c*) who, loyally, and with great hazard of his life, attempted the delivering of King Charles I. from his impriſonment, in the iſle of Wight, and from him deſcend the Worſleys, of Gatecomb.

Richard, ſon and heir of Thomas, was created a baronet, by letters patent, 9 Jac. I. He married Frances, daughter of Sir Henry Nevill, of Billingbare, in com. Berks. Knt. and dying 1622, left iſſue by her, four ſons, and three daughters; 1. Sir Henry, his ſucceſſor. 2. Richard. 3. Thomas. 4 John: Richard and John, both died unmarried. Thomas, married Sarah, daughter of —— Roe, in com. Salop. from whom the Worſleys, of Pitford, are deſcended. Anne, the eldeſt daughter, married to Sir John Leigh, of Bury, in com. Suffolk. Knt. and died without iſſue. Elizabeth, married to Sir John Meaux, of Kingſton, Bart. 3. Dorothy, died unmarried.

Sir Henry Worſley, Bart. ſucceeding his father, married Bridget, daughter of Sir Henry Wallop, of Fairley-Wallop, in com. Southton. Knt. and dying, Sept. 11, 1666, left iſſue three ſons, and ſix daughters; 1. Henry, who died young. 2. Sir Robert, knighted at Whitehall, Dec. 29, 1664 (*d*), who ſucceeded his father.

(*a*) Strype's Ann. of Eliz. (*b*) Ibid, 2 Eliz. (*c*) See Firebrace's account, poſtea. (*d*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 57.

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father. 3. Sir James Worſley (*a*), of Pilewell, knighted at Whitehall, April 19, 1669 (*b*), who, marrying Mary, daughter of Sir Nicholas Stuart, of Hartley-Maudit, in com. Southton, Bart. left iſſue two ſons, and one daughter; 1. James Worſley, of Pilewell, Eſq; now one of the repreſentatives for the borough of Newton, in the iſle of Wight, which borough, he has had the honour of repreſenting in nine parliaments: he married Rachel, daughter of Thomas Merrick, Eſq; by whom he had ſeveral children, but only one now ſurviving, named Thomas; 2. Charles, who was a bencher of the Middle-Temple, and died unmarried, Aug. 1739, and was buried in St. Paul's cathedral: the daughter of Sir James, was Sandys, married to Peter Betteſworth, of Brockenhurſt, in com. Southton. Eſq; Of the daughters of Sir Henry, one was married to John Williams, of Luel, in com. Dorſ. Eſq; and Jane, married to Sir George Brown, of Woolverton, in com. Southton. Knt. the reſt died unmarried.

Sir Robert Worſley, Knt. and Bart. ſucceeded his father, Sir Henry, and married Mary, daughter of James Herbert, of Kingſey, in com. Bucks, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Philip, earl of Pembroke; and dying 1675, left iſſue, Sir Robert, his ſucceſſor, and Henry, who, 13 Annæ, was ſent envoy to the court of Portugal, and was continued in the ſame character by King George I. by whom he was made plenipotentiary at the ſame court, and was afterwards governor of Barbadoes; he ſerved in ſeveral parliaments, for the borough of Newton, in the iſle of Wight, and died unmarried, March, 1739-40. Sir Robert, had alſo a daughter, Jane, who was married to Sir Nathaniel Napier, of Critchell, in com. Dorſet. Bart. and died without iſſue.

Sir Robert Worſley, the preſent baronet, married Frances, only daughter of Thomas, the late viſcount Weymouth, by whom he had iſſue, four ſons (*c*), and five daughters; of whom, two only are now living, the others dying young and unmarried: Frances, his daughter, married to John, lord Carteret, by whom ſhe has one

(*a*) Ex infor. Ja. Worſley, de Pilewell, Arm. (*b*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 57. (*c*) In St. John's College-chapel, Cambridge, is the following inſcription for the eldeſt ſon.

Robertus Worſley, Ar. Filius & Hæres apparens Roberti Worſley, de Appledercomb, in inſulâ Vecte, in com. Southton. Baronetti, ex Franciſcâ Conjuge filia præhonorabilis Thomæ Thynn, Vice Comitis de Weymouth, unica ſuſceptus: illuſtriſſimâque adeo Principe hujus Collegii fundatrice prognatus.

Obiit 2do Die Martii,
Anno Dom. 1714. Ætatis 19°.

Si qualis fuerit rogas, ex ſubſcriptis diſce;
Cui mens labe vacans, legi cui conſona Vita,
Pectora perfidiæ neſcia, Lingua doli.

On a grave-ſtone on the floor:

Depoſitum Roberti Worſley, Ar. 1714.

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one ſon, Robert, and four daughters: Grace, the eldeſt, married to Lionel, earl of Dyſert; Louiſa, married to the preſent lord viſcount Weymouth. 3. Georgina-Carolina, married to John Spencer, Eſq; brother to the preſent duke of Marlborough. 4. Frances, yet unmarried. Thynne Worſley, Eſq; the only ſurviving ſon of Sir Robert, is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Quarterly, 1 and 4, Argent, a Chief, Gules; 2 and 3, Argent, a Chevron, between three Falcons, cloſe, (the' by the foregoing account, they were three Choughs,) Sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Wolf's Head eraz'd, Or.

SEATS: At *Apuldercombe*, in the *Iſle of Wight*, and at *Chilton-Condover*, in *Hampſhire*.

19. FLEETWOOD, of Calwiche, Staffordſhire,

(RICHARD, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THIS family, which had been ſeated in Lancaſhire, for many ages, came, about the beginning of the laſt century, to reſide in the county of Stafford.

John Fleetwood, was lord of the manor of Plumpton-Parva, in com. Lanc. temp. Ed. III. He was father of Henry, and Anne, married to John Ethalſton, of Ribleſton. Henry, the only ſon and heir, was living 3 Hen. VI. whoſe ſon, Edward, living 13 Ed. IV. married Elizabeth, daughter of Roger Holland, Eſq; and was father of,

William Fleetwood, of Heſkith, in com. Lanc. Eſq; who married Helen, daughter of Robert Standiſh, Eſq; by whom he had four ſons; 1. John. 2. Thomas. 3. Robert; and 4. Edmund, a monk, at Sion in Middleſex; and two daughters, Agnes, married to John Jellibrand, of Chorley; and Jonet, to John Blackledge, of Leyland, both in com. Lanc. Of the ſons, John, the eldeſt, will be mentioned hereafter: and as ſeveral conſiderable men deſcended from the younger ſons, we ſhall here inſert ſome particulars concerning them. Thomas, the ſecond ſon, was maſter of the Mint; he married two wives; 1. Barbara, daughter and heir of ———, by whom he had a ſon, Everard, who, by Joan, daughter of —— Cheney, left iſſue; and a daughter, Margaret, married to Peter Dormer, Eſq; father of Sir Fleetwood Dormer, of Shipton-Lee, in com. Bucks, Knt. The ſecond wife of Thomas, was Bridget, daughter of Sir John Spring, of Lavenham, in Suffolk, Knt. (who afterwards married

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Sir Robert Wingfield, of Letheringham, in Suffolk, Knt.) by whom he had, 1. Sir William Fleetwood, of Cranford, in Middlesex, Knt. receiver of the court of wards, of whom hereafter. 2. Edward. 3. Michael. 4. Henry. 5. Sir George Fleetwood, of the Vache, in Chalfunt St. Giles's, in Bucks, Knt. who by Catherine (*a*), daughter of Henry Denny, of Cheſhunt, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; (and Honora, his wife, daughter of William, lord Grey, of Wilton) and ſiſter to Sir Edward Denny, earl of Norwich, had a numerous iſſue; 'James, his ſeventh ſon, was 'admitted ſcholar of King's-college, Cambridge, 1622 (*b*), afterwards, he became chaplain to Dr. Wright, biſhop of Litchfield, 'by whom he was preferred to the vicarage of Prees, in Shropſhire, and ſoon after, collated to the prebendſhip of Eccleſhall, 'belonging to the church of Litchfield, but before he was admitted or inſtalled, the rebellion broke out. Afterwards, being 'forced for his loyalty to forſake his preferment, he betook himſelf to the wars, and became chaplain to the regiment of John, 'earl of Rivers, and in the quality of a chaplain, he continued to 'the end of the wars. In 1642, he was, by the king's ſpecial 'command, honoured with the degree of doctor of divinity, for 'the ſervice he did him at Edgehill fight, and ſoon after, was 'made chaplain to Charles, prince of Wales, and rector of Sutton-Colfield, in com. Warw. after the wars were ceaſed, and he 'ejected thence, he became tutor to three earls, viz. to the earl 'of Litchfield, earl of Kildare, and earl of Sterling: afterwards, 'to two dukes, namely, to Eſme, duke of Richmond and Lenox, with whom he travelled into France (where he died) and 'to Charles, who ſucceeded him in his dukedoms. After the 'reſtoration of King Charles II. he was the firſt that was ſworn 'chaplain in ordinary to him, was made provoſt of King's-college, Cambridge, in June 1660, and about that time, rector of 'Anſtey, in Hertfordſhire, and of Denham, in Bucks. In July, '1675 (*c*), he was appointed biſhop of Worceſter; and died July '17, 1683, æt. 81, and was buried in Worceſter-cathedral; 'over whoſe grave is a marble monument, with the following 'epitaph of his own making:

M. S.
Epitaphium hoc vivus videnſque ſcripſi.
Ponant quorum interierit.
Ego Ja. Fleetwood, S. T. P. Cathed. Wigorn. Epiſcopus nonageſimus, miſerrimus Peccatorum. Hic jaceo qui digniſſimus in æternum jacerem, ſed Miſericordia Domini gratiam conſecutus ſum.
Quo mihi nobilitas fucata? Hoc glorior unum,
Quod Chriſtus de carne mea eſt. Proinde.

Nemo

(*a*) Chauncy's Hertfordſhire, p. 298. (*b*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. II. Faſti, p. 30. (*c*) Le Neve's faſti, p. 300.

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Nemo ne lacrymis decoret, me Vindice Chriſto
Incolumen renovet patefacti foſſa Sepulchri
Mox Cœli tentabo vias, Chriſtumque ſupernè
Vivus Carne mea viventem in Carne videbo. Vixi. Dixi.

Johannes Fleetwood, Archidiaconus Wigornienſis, Filius prædicti Præſulis natu minimus, Epigraphen hanc poni curavit. In Memoriam Reverendi admodum Patris, qui vitam cum morte mutavit Julii 17, Ætatis ſuæ octogeſimo primo Anno Conſecrationis 8vo Salutis humanæ reparatæ, Anno 1683. (*a*)

Of the daughters of Thomas, maſter of the mint, Bridget, the eldeſt, married Laurence Aſhburnham, Eſq; father of Sir Denny Aſhburnham, of Bromham, in Suſſex, Bart. and Joyce, was wife, firſt, to Sir Hewit Oſborne, Knt. (*b*) (anceſtor to the duke of Leeds) and ſecondly, to Sir Peter Frechville, of Stavely, in com. Derb. Knt.

Sir William Fleetwood, of Cranford, Knt. eldeſt ſon of Thomas, maſter of the Mint, married Joan, ſiſter to the lord Clifton, by whom he had, Miles Fleetwood, Eſq; receiver of the court of wards; and Sir William Fleetwood, cup-bearer to King James I. and King Charles I. and comptroller of Woodſtock-park, who married two wives; by his firſt wife, he had Sir Miles Fleetwood, of Aldwinkle, in com. Northton. Knt. and colonel William Fleetwood; and by his ſecond wife, the daughter of——Harvey, he had ſeveral ſons; of which, Charles Fleetwood, Eſq; was the eldeſt, and commonly called, lord Fleetwood; he was general, and commander in chief to Richard Cromwell, the protector, and married to his firſt wife, the daughter of Oliver Cromwell, the protector, and widow of general Ireton, by whom he had no iſſue; this general Fleetwood, my lord Clarendon ſays (*c*), 'was 'a weak man, but very popular, with all the praying part of the 'army; a man, whom the parliament would have truſted, if 'they had not reſolved to have no general, being as confident of 'his fidelity to them, as of any man's, and Lambert knew well 'he could govern him, as Cromwell had done Fairfax, and then, 'in the like manner, lay him aſide; and when any intelligence 'was brought of any murmur among the ſoldiers, by which a 'revolt might enſue, and he was deſired to go amongſt them, 'to confirm them, he would fall on his knees to prayers, and 'could hardly be prevailed on to go to them. And when he was 'amongſt them, and in the middle of any diſcourſe, he would 'invite them all to prayers, and put himſelf upon his knees be'fore them: and when ſome of his friends importuned him to 'appear more vigorous in the charge he had, without which

(*a*) Browne Willis's Survey of cathedrals, vol. I. p. 653. (*b*) Collins's peerage of England, vol. I. p. 96. (*c*) Hiſt. Rebel. 8vo edit. vol. VI. p. 692.

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'they must all be destroy'd, they could get no other answer from 'him, than, "That God had spit in his face, and would not "hear him." So that men ceased to wonder, why Lambert had 'preferr'd him to the office of general, and had been content with 'the second command for himself (a).' This general Fleetwood, married to his second wife, Frances, daughter of Solomon Smith, of Norfolk, Esq; (b) and left issue, Smith Fleetwood, of Feltwell, in Norfolk, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Sir John Hartopp, Bart. and had two sons, Smith Fleetwood, and Charles Fleetwood, Esqrs.

George Fleetwood, another son of Sir William, receiver of the court of wards, and brother to Sir William, the cup-bearer, went into Sweden, was a famous general there, and was created a baron, and was father of Gustavus, lord Fleetwood, in Sweden.

Robert, the third son of William, by the daughter of Standish, *was father of* Sir William Fleetwood, Knt. an eminent lawyer of the Middle-Temple, recorder of London, and serjeant at law, temp. Eliz. (c) He was a learned man, and a good antiquary, but of a marvellous, merry, and pleasant conceit: he purchased an estate at Missenden, in com. Bucks. and dying, 1593, left two sons; Sir William, who succeeded him in the estate at Missenden, ancestor to those of that place, and Sir Thomas, who was attorney-general to Prince Henry, eldest son of King James I. also two daughters, Cordelia, married to Sir David Foulis, of Ingleby, in com. Ebor. Bart. and Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Chaloner, Knt. tutor to prince Henry.

But to return from this digression, to the elder branch.

John Fleetwood, Esq; the eldest son of William, by the daughter of Standish, was seated at Penwortham (d), near Preston, in Lancashire, and having married Jane, daughter and coheir of Thomas Langton, Esq; baron of Walton, and lord of the fee and manor of Newton, became possessed of that lordship, and had issue, three sons, and several daughters.

Thomas, the eldest son, by Mary, daughter of Sir Richard Shirburne, of Shirburne, in com. Lanc. Knt. (and Maud, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Bold, of Bold, Knt. and Margery, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler, of Beausey, both in the county of Lancaster, Knts.) left issue, Richard, his son and heir, and William, who married Dorothy, daughter of Sir Edward Cokaine, of Ashborne, in Derbyshire, Knt.

Which Richard, the eldest son, was the first that resided in Staffordshire, and was seated at Calwiche: he was advanced to the

(a) Ibid. p. 705. (b) Blomefield's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 500. (c) Wood's Athenæ, vol. I. p. 261. (d) There's a family of the Fleetwoods, who have resided at Penwortham many years, in great reputation, and enjoy'd a very considerable estate, of which, Henry Fleetwood, Esq; is the present possessor.

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the dignity of a baronet, 9 Jac. I. and married Anne, daughter of Sir John Perſhall, of Horſley, in that county, Bart. by whom he had five ſons; 1. Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor; 2. Richard, who died without iſſue; 3. William, living 1663; 4. Robert, who married a daughter of Mr. Colman, of Cank, in Staffordſhire; and 5. Henry, who married Agatha, daughter of Thomas Gifford, of Plardick, in com. Staff. and died 1689, and his wife, Agatha, 1692. The daughters of Sir Richard, were, Mary, who died S. P. Elizabeth, married to Broughton, and Dorothy, to Barnesfield.

Sir Thomas Fleetwood, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, and marrying Gertrude, daughter of Rowland Eyre, of Haſſop, in com. Derb. Eſq; had iſſue, 1. Sir Richard, his ſucceſſor; 2. Thomas, (who had two wives; by the firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of —— Coyney, Eſq; he had, Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned; and by his ſecond wife, two other ſons, William, who died a batchelor, and Sir John, hereafter mentioned;) 3. Rowland, of Preſtwood, in Ellaſton pariſh, in com. Staff. who died S. P. and left his eſtate to his nephew, Sir John, hereafter mentioned; 4. William, who married a daughter of the baron of Kinderton, and relict of —— Pigot, of Salop, Eſq; alſo one daughter Anne, married to Edward Tildeſley, of the Lodge, in com. Lanc. Eſq;

Sir Richard, the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate, and by Anne (*a*), daughter of Sir Edward Golding, of Colſton-Baſſet, in com. Nottingham, Bart. had three ſons; 1. Thomas, who died in his father's life-time, and by the daughter and heir of Chriſtopher Banniſter, of Bank, in com. Lanc. Eſq; was father of one daughter, wife to Thomas Legh, Eſq; younger brother to Peter Legh, of Lyme, in Cheſhire, Eſq; 2. Rowland, and 3. Edward, who both died unmarried: alſo five daughters.

Sir Richard Fleetwood, Bart. leaving no iſſue-male, the title devolv'd on his nephew, Sir Thomas Fleetwood, Bart. ſon of his brother Thomas, by Elizabeth, daughter of —— Coyney, Eſq; his firſt wife.

Which Sir Thomas Fleetwood, Bart. married Magdalen, daughter of Thomas Berrington, of Mott-hall, in Salop, Eſq; and dying without iſſue, Dec. 1739, was interr'd at New-church, in Cheſhire, and was ſucceeded by his half-brother,

Sir John Fleetwood, the preſent baronet, who married Mrs. Berrington, of Shrewſbury, neice to his brother's lady, and has iſſue.

ARMS: Party per Pale, Nebule, Or, and Azure, ſix Martlets counterchang'd.

CREST: A Wolf trippant, regardant, Or, wounded in the Shoulder, proper.

SEAT: At *Martin-Sands*, in *Cheſhire*.

(*a*) Dugdale's viſit. of Not. fo. 6.

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20. SPENCER, of Yarnton, Oxfordſhire.

(THOMAS, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

CONCERNING the original of this family, our genealogiſts give no account: yet, that it was of noble degree in Normandy, before the conqueſt, is not to be doubted, ſince Robert Deſpencer, was ſteward to William, the conqueror, and one of his barons, as is fully manifeſt from authentic records. Alſo that his poſterity were denominated from the ſaid office, of Deſpencer, (*i. e.* Steward,) is teſtified by the learned Camden (*a*), in his diſcourſe on ſurnames, who mentions the Spencers, to be deſcended from the Deſpencers; the De, (when ſurnames were fully introduced) being omitted for brevity, as by innumerable inſtances in other families might be proved.

The ſaid Robert Deſpencer, had, by gift from the conqueror, the following manors, which he held at the time of the general ſurvey, viz. Merſton, Leth, Filingeli, and Bertanſtone, in Warwickſhire; Tozintone, Scrivelſby, Wilgeſbi, Endrebi, Partenai, Butide, Tadewelle, Tuleſtone, Rocſtune, Cuningeſbie, Meringhe, Herdertorp, Stepinge, Langetone, and Holtham, in Lincolnſhire; Legre, Torp, Redeclive, Cuningeſtone, Odeſtone, Eſmoditone, Chibarde, Norton, Wicote, Stantone, Sucowe, Sacreſtone, Snarchſtone, Flechene, Wiſtaneſton, Tiletone, and Sumerdeberie, in Leiceſterſhire: and Wicvene, in Greleſtane-hundred, in Glouceſterſhire (*b*).

He was brother to the earl of Montgomery (*c*), and to Urſo de Abetot, hereditary ſheriff of Worceſterſhire, ſoon after the conqueſt; who, in ſome records, is called Urſo de Worceſtre, as being conſtable of the caſtle of Worceſter, and held, at the time of the general ſurvey, twenty lordſhips, which deſcended to Walter de Beauchamp, (a great baron,) who married Emeline, his only child.

The aforeſaid Robert Deſpencer, is mentioned among the biſhops and barons, aſſembled in council with King William, the conqueror, in London, A. D. 1082, in the ſeventeenth year of his reign; at which time they ſet their hands and ſeals to the charter of William de Carilepho, biſhop of Durham, which ſets forth, that the church of Durham, being neglected, and by the barbarity

(*a*) Camden's remains, 8vo. p. 193. (*b*) Doomſday-book, in iiſd. com.
(*c*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. II. p. 219.

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barbarity of ſacrilegious perſons, neither monks or canons left therein; he does thereupon determine to bring the monks from Weremath and Girwe: and alſo that the liberties of the church of Durham, with the lands (therein particularly mention'd) ſhould be preſerv'd inviolable for ever, laying this anathema on the violators, That all or any perſons, who ſhall preſume to prophane this charter, or change any thing therein, unleſs for the better, by the authority of the prince of the apoſtles, I deprive them of the ſociety of the lord, the aforeſaid pope Gregory, and the church; and reſerve them by the judgment of God, to be puniſhed by everlaſting fire, with the devil and his angels. Amen.

In the next year, he was witneſs to a charter of the king's, dated at Weſtminſter, in council, for removing the ſecular canons out of the ſame church, and placing monks in their ſtead; to which act, the biſhops and barons, at that time, likewiſe ſet their hands and ſeals. He was afterwards witneſs to a grant of the ſame king, of the whole city of Bath, with the coinage and toll thereto belonging, to John, biſhop of Bath, and his ſucceſſors, for the better ſupport of his ſee.

The monks of Worceſtre, have recorded this Robert Deſpencer, for a very powerful man, and that he took the lordſhip of Elmeleigh from them, which they could never after regain. He was ſucceeded by,

William le Deſpencer, (or Steward) to King Henry I. poſſeſſor of the manor of Elington. After whom, was Thurſtan le Deſpencer, ſteward to the ſame king; of which Thurſtan, Mr. Camden (relating wiſe ſpeeches of King Henry I.) gives an account from the old hiſtorian (Gualterus Mapes *de Nugis Curialium*) that Thurſtan, the king's ſteward, or le Deſpencer (as he was then called) exhibiting to the king a complaint againſt Adam of Yarmouth, clerk of the ſignet, for that he refuſed to ſign, without fee, a bill paſſed for him: that prince thereupon hearing the difference, reconciled them, making this ſpeech; *Officers of the court muſt gratify, and ſhew a caſt of their office, not only one to another, but alſo to all ſtrangers, whenſoever need ſhall require.* This Thurſtan had, as I take it from records, four ſons; 1. Walter, lord of Stanley, uſher of the chamber to King Henry II. who died without iſſue. 2. Almarick, whoſe iſſue failed, about temp. Hen. III. 3. Hugh, and 4. Geffry, of whom hereafter; from Hugh, deſcended the great barons Deſpencer; of whom, Thomas, (called Thomas, lord Deſpencer and Morganock) was created earl of Glouceſter, by King Rich. II. and exhibiting his petition to the parliament, anno 21 Richard II. for revocation of the judgment of exile, againſt his great-grandfather, Hugh le Deſpencer, had it granted (*a*).

(*a*) Rot. Parl. 21 Ric. II. N. 25.

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In which petition it appears (*a*), that the ſaid Hugh was then poſſeſſed of no leſs than fifty-nine lordſhips, in ſundry counties, 28000 ſheep, 1000 oxen and ſteers, 1200 kine, with their calves, 40 mares, with their colts of two years, 160 drawing-horſes, 2000 hogs, 3000 bullocks, forty tun of wine, 600 bacons, 80 carcaſes of Martinmas-beef, 600 muttons in his larder, ten tuns of cider; armour, plate, jewels, and ready money, better than 100001. 36 ſacks of wool, and a library of books.

This earl, took to wife Conſtance, daughter of Edmund, of Langley, duke of York, ſon to King Edward III. by whom he left one ſon, called Richard, who died at fourteen years of age; and a daughter, Iſabel, who was wife, firſt, to Richard Beauchamp, lord Bergavenny, and afterwards, earl of Worceſter; but ſurviving him, without iſſue, married, ſecondly, to Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, by whom ſhe was mother to Henry, duke of Warwick, who died without iſſue-male.

I now return to Geffry, the fourth and youngeſt ſon of Thurſtan, brother of Hugh; which Geffry, was the firſt founder of Marlow-abby (*b*), in com. Bucks, and is a witneſs to King Henry IId's confirmation of lands, to Bungey-abby, in com. Suff. dated in the nineteenth year of his reign; which king, among other grants, confirms that of Geffry Deſpencer, of the church of Boynton, to Bridlington-priory, in com. Ebor. He died, anno 26 Henry III. (1251) leaving iſſue, John, his ſon and heir, under age, whoſe guardianſhip was granted to Emma, his mother.

Which John, was of full age, anno 40 Henry III. at which time, being ſtil'd ſon of Geffry, and holding 60 l. per annum, land, in com. Leic. and 15 l. in com. Southamp. he was called to receive the honour of knighthood. In 41 Henry III. 1256, pope Alexander directs his bull to the biſhop of Saliſbury, wherein he ſets forth, that John Deſpencer, by petition, prays, that he may build a chapel, and have a chaplain, in his manor of Swalefield, which he is ready to endow, his ſaid manor lying in a foreſt, in which he lived; and that it was unſafe for him and his family to go the mother-church, by reaſon many thieves harboured in the ſaid foreſt; which matter, the pope refers to the ſaid biſhop to determine.

This John, with Adam Deſpencer, and others of his family, took part with the barons in their wars againſt King Henry III. (*c*) and were both taken priſoners at the battle of Northampton; on which account, the manors of the ſaid John, viz. Caſtle-Carlton, and Cavenby, in com. Linc. which he held in right of his wife, were extended by the king; but when the barons had taken that prince priſoner, the ſaid John and Adam, by mutual agreement, were

(*a*) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 223. (*b*) Dugdale's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 445.
(*c*) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 224.

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were releaſed: for by the king's writ to Robert de Mortimer, dated 4 June, 1264, he was ordered to bring them, among other priſoners, (taken in April laſt, at Northampton fight) to London, in order to their being ſet at liberty. He died before 3 Ed. I. for by inquiſition taken that year, at Gertre, in com. Leic. *(a)* he is found to die poſſeſſed of the manor of Beranſby, and the moiety of Wigan de la Mare, with ſeveral other lands; as alſo the hundred of Beaumaner, held of Hugh Deſpencer, in ſocage, paying annually a pair of gilt ſpurs, price 6d. and of the houſe and park there, worth yearly 6s. 8d. Likewiſe by another inquiſition, dated the ſame year, taken at his manor of Martely, in com. Wigorn. he is ſaid to die poſſeſſed of that manor, with the advowſon of the church, held in chief of the king, which his father had by gift of King Henry. He had alſo reſtitution of his manors of Caſtle-Carlton, and Cavenby; for by two ſeveral inquiſitions, the ſame year, he is ſaid to die poſſeſſed of them, in right of his wife, Joan; but having no iſſue of her body alive, he held them only by the courteſy of England; and John de Merieth enter'd on the ſame, as his right, by the death of Joan, daughter of Robert de Lou, late wife of the ſaid John Deſpencer, couſin of the aforeſaid John de Merieth, whoſe heir he is, and at that time thirty years old.

This Sir John Deſpencer had another wife, and left iſſue, William le Deſpencer, his ſon and heir, ſtil'd of Belton, and one of the jury on an inquiſition, taken at Bredon, 8 June, 34 Ed. I. concerning the right of electing a prioreſs of Langley, in com. Leic. He reſided at Defford, in com. Wigorn, and died poſſeſſed thereof, about 3 Ed. III. as appears by an inquiſition taken at Perſhore, which likewiſe ſhews, that John was his ſon and heir, and of full age.

Which John, was in the retinue of John, king of Caſtile *(b)*, in his voyage to Spain, and on that account, had the king's letters of protection for one year, bearing date, 6 March, 1386, (9 Rich. II.) He was afterwards eſquire of the body to King Henry V. alſo keeper of his great Wardrobe; and attending him in his warlike expeditions, was with him at the ſiege of Roan. He had iſſue by Alice, his wife, (daughter and heir of —— Deverell) Nicholas, his ſon and heir;

Who, by Joan, his wife, daughter of —— Pollard, had iſſue two ſons, Thomas, and William.

Which Thomas, was father of Henry Spencer, of Badby, in com. Northampton. Eſq; as appears by a receipt, dated anno 13 Hen. VI. for ſubſidies then paid to that king.

Which Henry, took to wife Iſabel, daughter and coheir of —— Lincoln, from whom proceeded four ſons, John, Thomas, William,

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 225. *(b)* Rymer's Fœd. vol. VII. p. 500.

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William, and Nicholas; and died about 17 Ed. IV. his laſt will and teſtament bearing date, anno 1476, wherein he appoints his ſons, John, and Thomas, executors, and Iſabel, his wife, overſeer (*a*). The ſeal affixed, were the arms the family now bear, viz. Quarterly, in the firſt and third, a Frett; over all, on a Bend, three Eſcallops. He was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

John Spencer, Eſq; who is mentioned in ſeveral deeds of feoffment, with Sir Edward Rawleigh, of Farneborough, in com. Warw. Knt. and others; particularly in 13 and 19 Edward IV. when he ſealed with the arms of his mother and wife together, being both heireſſes; viz. on a Croſs, five ſtars, with ſix Points (his mother's;) and a Cheveron between three Cinqfoils, his wife's, who was daughter and heir of —— Warſted; by whom he had three ſons; 1. William, hereafter mentioned. 2. John Spencer, of Hodnell, in com. Warw. Eſq; who died anno 12 Henry VII. and held lands in eighteen ſeveral lordſhips; as appears by his laſt will and teſtament, by which he appoints his body to be buried in the chancel of the pariſh church of Hodenhull, and conſtitutes his nephew, John Spencer, of Snitterfield, Eſq; ſon of his brother William, one of his executors; entailing his lands on him, in default of iſſue-male, of his ſon Thomas; and in default of iſſue of him, the ſaid John, to the heirs-male of Thomas, his late brother.

Which Thomas, (third and youngeſt ſon) had iſſue, William, who had the eſtate at Badby, in com. Northampton. whoſe ſon, Thomas Spencer, Eiq; was of Everton, in Northamptonſhire: he married Dorothy, daughter of Sir William Spencer, Knt. by whom he had a ſon, William, that married Elizabeth, daughter of Milney, and died without iſſue, and four daughters, his coheirs, viz. Dorothy, married, firſt, to George Cope, of Canon's-Aſhby, Eſq; and ſecondly, to Gabriel Pulteney, of Miſterton, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; Suſanna, to John Temple, of Stow, in Bucks, Eſq; (anceſtor to the lord viſcount Cobham.) Mary, to Richard Wallop, Eſq; ſon of Sir Oliver Wallop, in com. Southton. Knt. and Catherine, to Thomas Browne, Eſq; This Thomas, lies buried in the ſouth iſle of Everdon-church, in Northamptonſhire, with the following inſcription over him: (*b*)

> Here lye the Bodies of Thomas Spencer, and Dorothy, his Wife, daughter of Sir William Spencer, Knt. who had iſſue between them, five ſons, and ſeven Daughters, (viz.) Thomas, Anthony, William, John, and George——Urſula, Urſula, Dorothy, Suſanna, Mary, Elizabeth, and Catherine; whereof ſeven died Infants, unmarried, and five were married, (viz.) William, to Elizabeth Milney——and Dorothy, firſt, to George Cope, Eſquier, and after,

to

(*a*) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 226. (*b*) Bridges's Northampt. p. 56.

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to Gabriel Pulteney, Eſquier——Suſanna, to John Temple, Eſquier——Mary, to Richard Wallop, Eſquier—and Catherine, to Thomas Browne, Eſquier——and the ſaid Thomas Spencer died the 17th Daye of Auguſt, Anno Domini 1576; and the ſaid Dorothy dyed the 14th Daye of September, Anno Domini 1575.

MD. That the ſaid William Spencer, beinge dead without Iſſue, the ſaid Suſanna Temple, one of the four Daughters and Coheirs of the ſaid Thomas Spencer, at her only Charge, cauſed this Monument to be ſet up, the ——Day of ——1606.

William Spencer, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir of John, was ſeated at Rodburne, in com. Warw. anno 1 Henry VII. (an eſtate forfeited to the crown by the attainder of William Cateſby, Eſq;) and having married Elizabeth, ſiſter to Sir Richard Empſon, Knt. had iſſue a daughter, Jane, and two ſons, John, and Thomas, who were living, anno 2 Henry VII.

John Spencer, eldeſt ſon, was denominated of Snitterfield, in com. Warw. having acquired that eſtate in right of his wife, Iſabel, one of the daughters and coheirs of Walter Graunt, Eſq; and in 2 Hen. VII. being wrote of that place, was one of the executors to his couſin, John Spencer, of Hodenhull. On the 3d of September, 22 Hen. VII. he purchaſed the great lordſhip of Wormleighton, in com. Warw. and ſoon after, began the ſtructure of a fair manor-houſe there (*a*), in which (when inquiſitions were taken concerning waſtes, and incloſures of lands, in the 9 and 10 Henry VIII.) he was certified to have his reſidence, with ſixty perſons of his family; being a good benefactor to the church, in ornaments, and other things. He was knighted by King Henry VIII. and by his laſt will and teſtament, it appears, that he was poſſeſſed of a very great eſtate, was a noble houſekeeper, had a great reverence for the clergy, was very liberal to his poor neighbours, as alſo bountiful to his tenants and ſervants. He, in a manner, rebuilt the churches of Wormleighton, in com. Warw. and Brinton, and Stanton, in com. Northampton. and gave thereto veſtments and chalices; and his other bequeſts to religious houſes, and for reparations of churches, are very numerous, as are alſo his charities to his ſervants, and others; whereby 'tis evident, that he had a noble ſpirit, temper'd with the greateſt humanity: he likewiſe was ſo honeſt and juſt, and of ſo pious a diſpoſition (*b*), 'That he requires his executors to recompence 'every one that can lawfully prove, or will make oath, that he 'has hurt him in any wiſe, ſo that they make their claim within 'two years, tho' (as is recited) he has none in his remembrance; 'but

(*a*) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 226. (*b*) Ibid. p. 227.

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'but he had rather charge their ſouls, than his own ſhould be in 'danger: and requires his executors to cauſe proclamation thereof 'to be made, once a month, during the firſt year after his deceaſe, 'at Warwick, Southampton, Coventry, Banbury, Daventry, 'and Northampton.'

By this teſtament, which is dated the 12th of April, 1522, in 13 Henry VIII. 'He bequeaths his body to be buried in the 'chancel of Brinton-church, in com. Northampton. before the 'image of our bleſſed lady, and that his executors cauſe a tomb 'to be made, as nigh the wall as they can, behind the ſepulture.'

He lies buried, according to his appointment, in the church of Brinton, in com. Northampton. as appears by a monument now remaining, on the north ſide of the ſouth chancel, ſhewing the figures of a knight in armour, and his lady, in the dreſs of the times, lying on their backs, under an arch of freeſtone, curiouſly adorn'd with carvings. At his feet, againſt the wall, is this inſcription in capitals, ſetting forth his marriage and iſſue.

'Here lieth the Bodies of Sir John Spencer, Knt.
'and Dame Iſabel, his Wife, one of the Daugh-
'ters and Coheires of Walter Graunt, of Snitterfield,
'in the Countie of Warw. Eſquier. Her Mother
'was the Daughter and Heire of Humphrie Ru-
'dinge, of the Wich, in the Countie of Worceſter,
'Eſq; which John, and Iſabel, had iſſu, Sir Wil-
'liam Spencer, Knt. 1. Anthony Spencer, 2. who
'died without Iſſu. Jane, Wife to Richard Knight-
'ley, Eſquier, Sone and Heire of Sir Richard
'Knightley, of Fawſley, in the Countie of North.
'Knight. Iſabell, married to Sir Nich. Strelly, of
'Strelly, in the Countie of Nott. Knight. Dorothy,
'married to Sir Richard Catesby, of Legers-Aſhbie,
'in the Countie of North. Knt. which Sir John
'Spencer, departed this Life, the 14th of April,
'Anno Domini 1522.'

The ſaid Sir William Spencer, received the honour of knighthood from King Henry VIII. at York-place, (now called Whitehall) A. D. 1529, the parliament then ſitting; and two years after, viz. in 23 and 24 Henry VIII. was ſheriff of Northamptonſhire, during which he died (*a*). His laſt will bears date, the 17th of June, anno 24 Henry VIII. whereby he bequeaths his body to be buried at Brinton, in ſuch manner as his executors ſhould think fit; orders his father's will to be comply'd with in every article not then performed. Appoints dame Suſan, his wife, Sir Nicholas Strelly, Knt. Anthony Cope, Eſq; Walter Smith, Eſq; and two others, his executors, and that they take care

(*a*) Peerage, vol. II. p. 228.

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care of John, his only ſon, then very young; and dying, five days after, viz. 22 June, lies buried according to his deſire: for a fine altar-tomb, erected to his memory, is now ſtanding againſt the north-eaſt wall of the north chancel, or burial-place of this family, round the verge whereof, is this inſcription, in old characters:

'Hic jacent Dominus Will'us Spencer Miles, &
'D'na Suzanna Uxor ejus, qui obiit xxii° Die Me's
'Junii Anno D'ni Mill'imo ccccxxxii. quorum
'A'i'abus 'ppitietur Deus, Amen.

Over the ſaid tomb, on a tablet under an arch, is likewiſe this:

'Here lieth the Bodies of Sir William Spencer,
'Knight, and Dame Suſan, his Wyfe, Daughter
'of Sir Richad Knightley, of Fawſley, in Comit.
'Northamp. Knight, and had iſſv by her, Sir
'John Spencer, Knt. there onlie Sonne; Iſabel,
'married to Sir John Cotton, of Lanwade, in Com.
'Cam. Knight. Jane, Wife to Sir Rich. Bruges,
'of Shefford, in Com. Berk. Knight. Dorothy,
'married to Tho. Spencer, of Everton, in Com.
'Northamp. Eſq; Anne, Wyfe to Sir John Good-
'win, of Winchington, in Com. Buck. Knight.
'Which Anne, died withowt iſſu. Marie, Wyfe
'to Tho. Boles, of Walington, in Com. Hertforde,
'Eſquier. Which Sir William, died the xxii
'Daye of June, Anno Dom. 1532.

Sir John Spencer, aforeſaid, was ſheriff of Northamptonſhire, anno 5 Edward VI. and elected one of the knights of the ſhire in parliament, for that county, in the fourth and fifth of Philip and Mary, (before which time, he had received the honour of knighthood) and the year following, was again ſheriff of that county, as alſo in 13 Eliz. And in the fifteenth year of the reign of that queen, was, by writ, appointed (with other juſtices of prime quality, in the county of Northampton,) a commiſſioner, to enquire after ſuch perſons, as acted contrary to an act of parliament, 1 Elizabeth, intitled, *An Act for the Uniformity of the Common-Prayer, and Service in the Church, and Adminiſtration of the Sacraments.* He was a great oeconomiſt, yet kept a plentiful table, according to the old Engliſh way, as is manifeſt from his laſt will and teſtament, bearing date, 4 Jan. 1585, wherein he orders hoſpitality to be kept in his houſes, at Althorp, and Wormleighton, by his heir, after his deceaſe, according as he had done; beſtowing likewiſe ſeveral legacies on his ſervants. It alſo appears, that he delighted in retiredneſs, was an encourager of induſtry, and ſo much averſe to an unactive life, that tho' he was poſſeſſed of a great eſtate, he employ'd his thoughts on huſbandry, as of moſt profit and

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and advantage to his country; for at his death, he had numerous flocks of ſheep, and other cattle, in his grounds and parks of Althorp, and Wormleighton. He married Catherine, one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Kitſon, of Hengrave, in Suffolk, Knt. and left great eſtates to four of his ſons, who were heads of as many families.

Sir John Spencer, his eldeſt ſon, was anceſtor to his grace the duke of Marlborough.

Thomas, his ſecond ſon, built a fine houſe at Claverdon, in com. Warw. and for the hoſpitality he kept thereat, (ſays Sir William Dugdale) was the mirror of that county. He married Mary, eldeſt daughter of Henry Cheeke, Eſq; and had iſſue only one daughter, Alice, married to Sir Thomas Lucy, of Cherlecote, in com. Warw. Knt. and dying, Nov. 1580, without iſſue-male, ſettled the manor of Claverdon (*inter alia*) upon Sir William Spencer, Bart. ſon and heir of Sir Thomas, ſon and heir of Sir William Spencer, of Yarnton, Bart. his brother; and a noble monument is erected in the church of Claverdon, to his memory.

Sir William Spencer, third ſon, was of Yarnton, in com. Oxon. of which branch we are now to treat.

The fourth ſon was, Sir Richard Spencer, of Offley, in com. Hertford. from whom thoſe of the name in that county, are deſcended. Sir John, had alſo ſeveral daughters, viz. Margaret, married, firſt, to Giles Allington, of Horſeheath, in com. Cantab. Eſq; and ſecondly, to Edward Eldrington, Eſq; Elizabeth, to George, lord Hunſdon. Catherine, to Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stonely, in com. Warw. Knt. Mary, wife to Sir Edward Aſton, of Tixall, in com. Staff. Knt. Anne, married firſt to William, lord Monteagle, and ſecondly, to Henry, lord Compton, and thirdly, to Robert Sackville, ſon and heir to Thomas, lord Buckhurſt. Alice, wife, firſt, of Ferdinando, earl of Derby, and ſecondly, of Sir Thomas Egerton, Knt. lord keeper.

This Sir John Spencer, in his laſt will aforeſaid, requires his executors to bury him, in a decent manner, without pomp, (after the worldly faſhion) in the church of Brinton, where his late wife, dame Catherine Spencer, lieth buried. Alſo that they give, before his burial, 40l. in alms, and cauſe a tomb, ſuch as they think fit, to be placed where he, and his ſaid wife lie buried. Accordingly, I find one, erected to his memory, neatly painted, gilt, and adorn'd with arms, (in the middle of two others) in the burial-place of this family, between the ſouth-chancel, and north-chancel, repreſenting under an arch of elegant workmanſhip, embelliſhed with roſes, lozenges, &c. of different colours, the proportions of a knight in armour, with his lady, in the habit of the times, lying on their backs, and their hands elevated; over them the atchievment of arms of the family; and at their feet, againſt

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againſt the wall, is this inſcription, ſhewing his marriage and iſſue.

'Here lieth the Bodie of Sir John Spencer, Knight, 'who married Catherine, one of the Daughters of 'Sir Tho. Kitſon, of Hengrave, in the Co. of Suff. 'Knight. Which John, and Cath. had Iſſu, Sir 'Jo. Spencer, Knight, 1. Thomas Spencer, of 'Claredon, in the Co. of War. Eſq; 2. Sir Wil-'liam Spencer, of Yarnton, in the Co. of Oxf. 'Knight, 3. Rich. Spencer, of Offley, in the Co. 'of Har. Eſq; 4. Edw. Spencer, who died without 'Iſſu, 5. Margaret, married to Giles Allington, 'of Horſeth, in the Count. of Camb. Eſq; after 'married to Edward Eldrington, Eſq; Elizabeth, 'married to George, lord Hunſdon. Catherine, 'married to Sir Thomas Leigh, of Stonlie, in the 'Countie of War. Knight. Marie, Wife to Sir Ed-'ward Aſton, of Tixall, in the Countie of Stafforde, 'Knight, which died without Iſſu. Anne, mar-'ried to William, Lord Mountegle, who had noe 'Iſſue by him. After married to Henrye, Lord 'Compton; now Wife of Robert Sackville, Eſq; 'Sonne and Heire of Thomas, Lord Buckhurſt, 'High-Treaſurer of England. Alice, married to 'Ferdinando, earle of Derbie, now Wife of Sir 'Tho. Egerton, Knight, Lord-Keeper of the Great 'Sele of England. Which Sir John Spencer, de-'parted this Life, the 8 Daie of Novemb. Anno 'Domini, 1586.

The ſaid Sir William Spencer, Knt. (third ſon of Sir John) poſſeſſed a fine eſtate (*a*) at Yarnton, in com. Oxon. and received the honour of knighthood from Queen Elizabeth, in the year 1592: he married Margaret, daughter to Francis Bowyer, of Middleſex, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, Thomas and George; and five daughters; Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Ruſſel, of Strenſham, in com. Wig. Knt. Catherine, to Sir Henry Mountagu, Knt. anceſtor to the preſent duke of Mancheſter. Mary, to Sir Maximilian Dalyſon, of Haling, in Kent. Knt. Alice, to Sir Thomas Colvile, of Newton, in com. Cantab. Knt. and Margaret, wife to Sir John Woodward, of Eveſham, in com. Wig. Knt. and died on the 18th of December, 1609, and lies buried with his lady, under a curious altar-monument, rais'd againſt the north wall, near the eaſt window of the ſouth chancel of the church of Yarnton, in com. Oxon. which is compos'd of different ſorts of marble, and adorn'd with arms of war; as battle-axes, ſwords, carbines ſtandards, ſheafs of arrows, &c. On the tomb, under an arch, lies the figure of a knight, on his back, compleatly

(*a*) E. Lib. NSS. A. Wood, in Muſæo Aſhmol. Not. E. 143. p. 81. a. & 82 b.

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compleatly arm'd, (excepting his head-piece) and his lady on his left hand, in the habit of the times. His head reſts on a griphon's head, (his creſt) and hers on a pillow, with their hands in a devout poſture. The arch is ſupported by four pillars of the Corinthian order; and at the top, between two pyramids, is a ſhield of the quarterings of arms belonging to the family, viz. ſeven Coats. On the ſide of the tomb is a tablet, and two men kneeling on cuſhions, on the right ſide thereof; as alſo four women on the left: and another tablet under the arch, exhibits this inſcription in gilt letters (*a*):

Syr William Spencer, Knight, Lord of this Manour, third Sonne
Of Sir John Spencer, of Althorp, in the Countie of Northampton, Knt.
Here reſteth, with Margaret, his Wife, Daughter of
Francis Bowier, of Middleſex, Eſquier, leaving Iſſue two Sonnes,
And five Daughters: They both, as they lived virtuouſly and
Laudibly, ſo, in aſſured Hope to live eternally in Chriſt,
Ended this tranſitory Life; he, the 18th of December, 1609;
She, the 19th of June, 1608.

On the tablet mention'd to be between the two men, and four women, is an inſcription in capitals, ſetting forth their marriages and iſſue, viz.

'Syr Thomas Spencer, Sonne and Heir, married
'Margaret, Daughter of Richard Brainthwait, Ser-
'jeant at the Lawe; George Spencer, ſecond
'Sonne; Elizabeth, eldeſt Daughter, Wyfe to Syr
'Thomas Ruſſel, of Strenſham, in the Countie of
'Worceſter, Knight; Catherine, ſecond Daughter,
'Wyfe to Syr Henry Mountague, Knight, the
'King's Serjeant at Lawe; Mary, third Daughter,
'Wyfe to Syr Maximilian Dalyſon, of Haling, in
'the Countie of Kent, Knight; Alice, fourth
'Daughter, Wyfe to Syr Thomas Colvyle, of New-
'ton, in the Countie of Cambridge, Knight;
'Margaret, fifth Daughter, Wyfe to Syr John
'Woodward, of Eveſham, in the Countie of Wor-
'ceſter, Knight.

Sir Thomas Spencer, beforementioned, (ſon and heir of Sir William) ſucceeding at Yarnton, was created a baronet, in the ninth year of the reign of King James I. alſo on the 24th of May (*b*), the year following, was honour'd with knighthood at Whitehall, with Sir Lyonel Talmach, Bart. He rebuilt (*c*) the tower, at the weſt end of Yarnton-church; as alſo a noble manor-houſe near the old one, by the ſaid church. This Sir Thomas was famous in his time (*d*), for the great hoſpitality he kept there,

(*a*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 22. (*b*) Philpot's Cat. of Knights, p. 50.
(*c*) MSS. a Wood, præd. (*d*) Ibid.

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there, his charity to the poor, and other excellent qualities. He, having married Margaret, daughter of Richard Brainthwait, Esq; ſerjeant at law, departed this life on the 16th of Auguſt, 1622, and was buried by his father. His lady, who ſurvived him, was married, ſecondly, to Richard Butler, viſcount Montgarret, and was buried at Yarnton, in the year 1655. By her firſt huſband, ſhe had iſſue five ſons, and four daughters; 1. Sir William, ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate. 2. John. 3. Thomas, (who both died without iſſue.) 4. Richard, who married Mrs. Anne Wagſtaffe, neice to Sir Joſeph, by whom he had two ſons, and two daughters; firſt, Sir Thomas, hereafter mention'd, and ſecond, Charles Spencer, of Lyons-Hall, in the county of Hereford, Eſq; (who married Anne, daughter of Francis Pember, of Elſon, in Herefordſhire, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Thomas, who left a ſon, Sir Charles, and four daughters.) The two daughters of Richard, were Mary, (married to —— Richards, Eſq;) and Gertrude, (firſt married to (*a*) John Crump, of Lugwardine, in com. Heref. and afterwards, to Eſſex Sherborne, of Pembridge, Eſq;) The fifth ſon of Sir Thomas, was Edward, who died a batchelor. The four daughters of Sir Thomas, were Alice, Anne, Margaret, and Catherine.

Sir William Spencer, the eldeſt ſon, after he became a baronet, was (as his father had been) knighted by King Charles I. at (*b*) Oxford, 27 Auguſt, 1629, and ſucceeding to the eſtate of his great-uncle, Thomas Spencer, of Claverdon, in com. Warw. Eſq; was thereby poſſeſſed of a very great inheritance. He took to wife Conſtance, eldeſt daughter of Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote, in com. Warw. Knt. (who was, in ſecond marriage, the wife of Sir Edward Smith, Knt.) and had iſſue a ſon, Sir Thomas Spencer, his ſucceſſor; and a daughter, Alice, married to Francis Keyt, of Hidcot-Bertram, in the pariſh of Mickleton, in Glouceſterſhire, Eſq; brother to Sir John Keyt, of Ebrington, in the ſame county, Bart.

Which Sir Thomas Spencer, Bart. took to wife Jane, daughter of Sir John Garrard, of Lamer, in com. Hertf. Bart. by whom he had nine children; three ſons, Thomas, Thomas, who died infants; and William, who died, aged twenty-ſix; and ſix daughters, whereof two died very young; and four who ſurviv'd, became his coheirs, viz. Jane, married to Robert Spencer, lord viſcount Tiveot, of Scotland; Conſtance, wife to George Marwood, Eſq; only ſon of Sir Henry Marwood, of Little-Buſkby, in Yorkſhire, Bart. Elizabeth, wife, firſt, of Sir Samuel Gerard, of Brafferton, in com. Ebor. Knt. and ſecondly, of Francis Baſſet, of Cornwall, Eſq; and Catherine, married, firſt, to John Dormer,

(*a*) St. George's Viſit. of Herefordſhire, p. 58. (*b*) Philpot's Cat. p. 142.

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Dormer, of Aſcot, in Oxfordſhire, Eſq; and ſecondly *(a)*, to the honourable George Mordaunt, Eſq; brother to Charles, late earl of Peterborough; Sir Thomas, was buried with his anceſtors, at Yarnton, under a noble and curious monument of white marble, erected to his memory, againſt the north wall of the ſouth chancel. It repreſents the ſtatues of ſeven perſons, in full proportion, in modern dreſſes. His own figure ſtands on a pedeſtal, with his lady's on his right hand; the figure of his ſon is placed on his left; and on her right hand, ſits a daughter, lamenting, and under her, another daughter. On the ſon's left hand is alſo a daughter, and under her, another, all weeping. Under Sir Thomas Spencer, is a tablet, repreſenting the inſcription hereafter mentioned; and on the right ſide of the tablet, under the ſtatue of the firſt daughter, is another, kneeling, her hand repoſed on a ſkull; and beneath her is another, praying, laying her hand on an hour-glaſs; and lower, is another. Over all, is a ſhield of the arms and quarterings of the family; and the inſcription on the tablet is as follows:

Dedicated to the immortal Memory
Of
Sir Thomas Spencer als Spenſer, Baronet, Lord of this Manor
Of Yarnton, who died the 6th of March, 1684-5, aged 46 Years;
And of
Dame Jane, his Wife (Daughter of Sir John Garrard, of Lamer, in the
County of Hartford, Bart.) who died the 30th of April, 1713, aged 74
Years, and of their nine Children, of which
Five died in his Life-time (viz.) Thomas, Thomas, Jane, Margaret, all
Infants, and William, who lived to the age of 26 Years, was a Gent. of great
Hopes, and died unmarried, the 13th of Sept. 1683, and four ſurvived him,
All Daughters and Coheirs, viz.
Jane, married to Rob. Spencer, Lord Viſcount Tyveot, of the Kingdom of Scotland.
Conſtance, married to George Marwood, Eſq; only Son of Sir Henry
Marwood, of Buſkby, in Cleveland, in the County of York, Bart.
Elizabeth, firſt married to Sir Samuel Gerrard, of Braſſerton, in the County
Of York, Knt. afterward to Francis Baſſet, in Cornwall, Eſq;
And Catherine, married to John Dormer, of Aſcot, in the County of Oxford, Eſq;

Sir Thomas, was of a very ancient and noble Extraction, deſcended from R. de Spenſer,
A Baron, in the time of Will. the Conqueror, and nearly allied to the Right Hon. Family of the
Spenſers, Barons of Wormleighton, and Earls of Sunderland.

He was a moſt accompliſhed Gentleman, truly great, generous, hoſpitable, and
Charitable; by his laſt Will he hath charged an incloſed Ground in this Parish,
Called Windmillfield, with the Payment of ten Pounds a Year, for ever, to the
Uſes following, (viz.) three pounds to be paid yearly to the ſucceſſive Vicars of this Town, upon
This Condition that they ſhall every Year, in this Chapel, on the Birth-day, which was New-years
Day, on the Day of his Death, and on the Day of the Death of Dame Jane, his Wife, read the
Morning Service, as directed in the Liturgy of the Church of England; and
Seven Pounds a Year to be applied to the repairing and beautifying this Chapel,
And the Monuments of this Family, if need be, otherwiſe, toward the Relief and Support
Of the Poor of this Pariſh, at the Diſcretion of the Vicar and Church-Wardens,
For the time being. *(b)*

On

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. II. p. 162. *(b)* Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. III. p. 62.

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On the deceaſe of this Sir Thomas, without any ſurviving iſſue-male, the title came to,

Sir Thomas Spencer, of Eardington, in Shropſhire, Bart. his couſin, (eldeſt ſon of Richard, fourth ſon of Sir Thomas, the firſt baronet, beforementioned) who married Elizabeth, daughter of Ancor Palmer, of Bricklehampton, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; by whom he had ſeven ſons, and ſix daughters; three of the ſons died in their minority; Sir Henry, the fourth, was his ſucceſſor; the fifth and ſixth ſons, died iſſueleſs, and the ſeventh, Sir William, of whom hereafter. Of the daughters, five of them died unmarried; and Urſula, married Mr. Hugh Philips, of London.

Sir Henry Spencer, Bart. the eldeſt ſurviving ſon, ſucceeded his father, and enjoying the title about four years, died at Stratford upon Avon, in Warwickſhire, 1726, without iſſue; being ſucceeded by his youngeſt brother,

Sir William Spencer, Bart. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Dee, of Bridgnorth, in Shropſhire, Gent. but died without male iſſue; whereupon the title came to his couſin, Sir Charles Spencer, Bart. grandſon of Charles Spencer, of Lyon's-hall, in the county of Hereford, Eſq; who was the ſecond ſon of Richard Spencer, Eſq; the fourth ſon of Sir Thomas Spencer, the firſt baronet beforementioned, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Richard Brainthwait, Eſq; ſerjeant at law.

Which Sir Charles Spencer, the preſent baronet, is in his minority.

ARMS: Quarterly, Argent and Gules; in the ſecond and third Quarter, a Fret, Or; over all, on a Bend, Sable, three Eſcallops, Argent, with due difference.

CREST: Out of a ducal crown, Or, a Gryphon's Head, with Wings diſplay'd, Argent.

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21. TWISDEN, of Eaſt-Peckham, Kent.

(Sir WILLIAM, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THAT this family is denominated from a place called Twiſden, a manor in or near Gouderſt, in Kent, ſeveral authorities evince (*a*); and Mr. Philipot, in his ſurvey of the county aforeſaid, ſpeaking of Sandhurſt, ſays (*b*), 'Here is a place in this 'pariſh, which, however it be now under a cloudy and obſcure

 'character,

(*a*) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, & Stemmate penes William Twiſden, Bar. (*b*) P. 300.

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'character, was, in ages of a higher gradation, the inheritance 'of the noble family of Twisden, and certainly here they lived, 'when they writ, *De Denna Fracta*, and from thence it hath 'borrowed the title of Twisden-street, or Borough, which it re-'tains to this day.'

Adam de Twisden, was living there, 21 Ed. I. and dying without issue, John, his brother and heir, succeeded to the estate; and by Christiana, his wife, had issue, Thomas de Twisden, who is mentioned in deeds, in the reigns of King Edward II. and King Edward III. he was father to John de Twisden, who married Christiana, daughter of —— Rogers, and had issue, Roger, his son and heir.

Which Roger Twisden, Esq; in the reign of King Richard II. was steward of the abby of St. Augustine, a place of great trust in those times; (as Mr. Philipot observes) (*a*), and in the fifth year of King Henry IV. affixed to a deed the signature or impression of a Cockatrice, in wax, which at this time, is the crest, annexed to the paternal coat of the family. He was also living in the reign of Henry V. as appears by several charters (*b*), with the same seal appendant. Having married Elizabeth, the daughter and heir of Thomas Chelmington, of Chelmington, in Great-Chart, in Kent, Esq; the manor of that name accru'd to him; and Roger Twisden, his son and heir, made it his residence.

This Roger, was fifty years old, 18 Henry VI. as appears by an inquisition; and by Anne, his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Baker, of Coldham, in Folkeston in Kent, had issue a son, Thomas, who succeeded him in his estate.

Which Thomas Twisden, Esq; took to wife Bennetta, daughter of Richard Lewkenor, of Suffex, Esq; (relict of William Barnes, and afterwards, wife of Vincent Finch) he had issue by her, two sons, William, and Roger Twisden.

William, the eldest, married Margaret, daughter of —— Culpeper, of Wakehurst, in Suffex, Esq; and departing this life without issue, Roger, his brother and heir, succeeded to the estate.

Which Roger Twisden, Esq; wedded Jane, daughter of Christopher Cooper, of Stone, and widow of —— Sharp, of Chart, in Kent, and had issue by her three sons, William, Christopher, and Thomas, who died 1590, and lies buried in the church of Great-Chart, under a grave-stone, the effigies (*c*) of a youth in a gown, (with short hair, his hands in a praying posture, and a sachel under his right arm) being depicted thereon in brass.

William Twisden, of Chelmington, Esq; (eldest son of Roger,) encreased his patrimony very considerably; for, by marriage with Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas Roydon, of Roydon-hall,

(*a*) Philipot's Villare Cantianum. (*b*) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, præd. (*c*) MS. in Biblioth. Harley.

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hall, in East-Peckham in Kent, Esq; (by Margaret, his wife, daughter of William Whettenhall) he came possessed of her father's estate; (the seat of his posterity to this time) and his wife surviving him, was afterwards married to Cuthbert Vaughan, Esq; and lastly to Sir Thomas Golding, Knt. She died, Aug. 19, 1595. aged seventy-three, and lies buried in Peckham-church, under a monument erected to her memory; she left two children by her first husband, viz. a daughter, Margaret, married to Richard Dering, of Pluckley, in Kent, Esq; and a son,

Roger Twisden, of Roydon-hall, Esq; who was captain of a troop of Kentish gentlemen, at the camp form'd at Tilbury (*a*), to oppose the hostile eruptions of the Spaniards, in the year 1588, and high sheriff of Kent, 41 of Queen Elizabeth, and having married Anne, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Wyat, of Allington-castle, in Kent, Knt. (who was beheaded in Queen Mary's time, 1553) had issue four daughters; Jane, married to Sir William Monins, of Waldershare, in Kent, Bart. Elizabeth (*b*), wife of Adam Ashburnham, of Bromham, in Sussex; Margaret, of Henry Fane, of Hadlome, in Kent; and Bennetta, of —— Bathurst, of the same county, Esqrs. Also two sons, William, and Thomas, who married the daughter of Thomas Paget. The said Roger, and Anne his wife, lie buried in Peckham-church; a fair monument being erected to their memory; and the inscription thereon informs us, that they were both born on the same day, in 1542, and that she died June 4, 1592, aged fifty; and he, in Nov. 1603, aged sixty-one; and further sayeth, *That in their lives they were blessed of God, and belov'd of men.*

William Twisden, Esq; eldest son and heir, succeeded to the estate at Roydon-hall, and was knighted by King James, at the Charter-house, the 11th of May, 1603, being among those that conducted him to London, when he came first from Scotland, to take possession of the English crown; and that king afterwards advanced him to the dignity of a baronet, 1611. He had a learned education, and was well read in the Hebrew and Greek Languages, which inclin'd him to the purchasing many valuable manuscripts and books; for being of a sober disposition, he knew the value of the improvement of the mind; and having excellent parts, he determin'd to make himself useful to his country, both in his studies, and the choice of his company; he set a good example to the age he liv'd in, and many were edified by his conversation. The collections he made, were likewise of use to the publick, both in defence of the reformed protestant religion, and the ancient constitutions of the kingdom. He lived to the sixty-third year of his age, when he died, much lamented, Jan. 8, 162$\frac{7}{8}$, and Anne, his lady, who surviv'd him, follow'd, Nov. 14, 1638, aged

(*a*) Philipot's Kent, p. 176. (*b*) Peerage of England, vol. III. p. 785.

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aged ſixty-four. She was daughter of Sir Moyle Finch, of Eaſtwell, in Kent, Knt. and Bart. and her mother, who was the ſole daughter of Sir Thomas Heneage, Knt. (treaſurer of the chamber, vice-chamberlain of the houſhold, chancellor of the dutchies of Lancaſter, and one of the privy-councellors to Queen Elizabeth) was a lady of ſuch excellent endowments, that King James I. advanced her to the dignity of viſcounteſs of Maidſtone; and King Charles I. to a higher title, creating her counteſs of Winchelſea; which honours, were limited to the heirs of her body; and the earls of Winchelſea and Nottingham, and Aylesford, deſcend from her.

Sir William Twyſden, had iſſue by her, five ſons, and two daughters, that lived to maturity.

1. Sir Roger, his ſucceſſor.

2. Sir Thomas, who was brought up in the ſtudy of the law; and on the reſtoration of King Charles II. made one of the juſtices of the king's-bench; and being ſeated at Bradburn, in Kent, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet; of whom, and his deſcendants, mention will be made in the proper place.

3. William, who died unmarried, July 30, 1641, aged thirty-ſix, and lies buried at Bath.

4. John, who was a fellow of the college of phyſicians, at London, took his doctor's degree in the faculty, and was a perſon of general learning, as his works, both in phyſick and mathematicks, which are printed, teſtify. He likewiſe wrote, *A Diſquiſition touching the Sybills and Sibilline Writings*, &c. (*a*) and having lived unmarried to a great age, (eighty-one) died, Sept. 13, 1688, and received ſepulture in St. Margaret's church, Weſtminſter.

5. Francis, who alſo deceaſed unmarried, aged ſixty-three, and was buried A. D. 1675, in Eaſt-Malling-church, in Kent, in a vault where his brother, judge Twiſden, was afterwards laid.

Elizabeth Twiſden, eldeſt daughter, was married to Sir Hugh Cholmley, of Whitby, in Yorkſhire, Bart. and Anne, youngeſt daughter, was wife to Sir Chriſtopher Yelverton, of Eaſton-Mauduit, in com. Northamp. Bart. anceſtor to the earl of Suſſex.

Sir Roger Twiſden, Bart. (eldeſt ſon of Sir William) was thirty-one years old at his father's death. He obtained from King Charles I. a charter of free-warren, to make the park which now ſurrounds the houſe, at Eaſt-Peckham. He aſſiſted Mr. Philipot, in his ſurvey of Kent; and that author (*b*) returns him acknowledgments, as a perſon, to whom, for his learned conduct of thoſe his imperfect labours, thro' the gloomy and perplex'd paths of antiquity, and the many difficulties that aſſaulted him, he was ſignally oblig'd. He was indeed a perſon every way accompliſh'd, well verſ'd in the learned languages, and exemplary in his devotion

(*a*) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. II. p. 470. (*b*) Philipot's Villare Cant. p. 105.

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tion to the eſtabliſh'd church of England. He kept a ſteady loyalty to his prince, and deteſting the undutiful behaviour of many of his ſubjects, was not content to ſit ſtill, but enter'd with the firſt in oppoſing their arbitrary proceedings, which drew on him a ſevere perſecution, and he was confin'd ſeven years a priſoner, his eſtate ſequeſter'd, his timber cut down, and paid a fine of 1300l. (*a*) when he was reſtored to his eſtate; for the uſurpers permitted him to compound, after they had brought all things to their own deſire. When he came again to his ſeat, he lived retir'd during thoſe troubleſome times; and his greateſt comfort was, the converſing with the learned fathers of the primitive church, and the ancient laws and conſtitutions of his country; hoping for a time when both might be vindicated; which he afterwards ſaw accompliſhed, having the ſatisfaction of ſeeing the reſtoration. And the *Decem Scriptores* appearing in the world, with ſeveral other collections, were owing to his endeavours, and he wrote a learned preface before them; and was the author of *The Hiſtorical Defence of the Church of England.* He finiſhed his courſe in the ſeventy-fifth year of his age, 7 June, 1672, in the general eſteem of all that knew him, for ſanctity, innocency, and other chriſtian virtues. Iſabella, his wife, youngeſt daughter and coheir of Sir Nicholas Saunders, of Ewell, in Surry, Knt. (a lady of rare patience and prudence, in ſtruggling thro' many troubles and hardſhips, in aſſiſting her huſband in his long impriſonment) dying before him in the year 1655, aged fifty two, and both lie buried at Peckham, having iſſue three ſons, and three daughters.

1. Sir William, who ſucceeded to the title and eſtate.

2. Roger, educated in the profeſſion of the law, who died unmarried, Feb. 20, 1676, aged thirty-five.

3. Charles, who travelled to Turkey, the Holy-land, Egypt, and ſeveral courts of Europe; was eſteemed an ingenious perſon, and took the degree of doctor of phyſick: he died unmarried, in the forty-fifth year of his age, 1690.

Anne, eldeſt daughter, was married to John Porter, of Lamberhurſt, in com. Cantii. Eſq; who died without iſſue ſoon after his marriage.

Iſabella, ſecond daughter, died unmarried, 1726.

Frances, youngeſt daughter, was married to Sir Peter Killigrew, of Arnewick, in Cornwall, Knt. and Bart. and died, 1711.

Sir William Twiſden, Bart. (eldeſt ſon of Sir Roger) was born in the year 1635; and by reaſon of his father's impriſonment, and the civil wars, went abroad very young; and returning back on the reſtoration of the king, he lived for a ſhort time in England, and then travell'd a ſecond time, both in France and Italy, whereby he became an accompliſh'd and well-bred gentleman;

(*a*) See liſt of thoſe that compounded, in letter T.

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and having made many uſeful obſervations on the manners and cuſtoms of foreign countries, was the more in love with his own. He ſerv'd in ſeveral parliaments (*a*), and in the firſt of King James II. was elected one of the knights of the ſhire for Kent.

He lik'd the company of ſober perſons, and was averſe to exceſs or extreams in any kind. He lived as became his quality, and knew the bounds between œconomy and the extravagancy of the age. He employed his vacant hours in the noble library his father and grandfather had furniſh'd; having the ſame honour for learning and learned men, and underſtanding ſeveral languages himſelf, was delighted in their converſation.

He died at London, Nov. 27, 1697, and was buried at Peckham, with his anceſtors. His lady, Frances, daughter and heir of Joſias Croſs, Eſq; ſurvived him; and was a worthy example of love to her huſband, tenderneſs for her children, and chriſtian reſignation, in patiently bearing the loſs of ſeveral of them, taken off in the flower of their age, in defence of their country. They had nine ſons and three daughters; of whom, thoſe that ſurviv'd to maturity, were as follow:

Roger, their eldeſt ſon, was born in 1666, but died in the year 1685.

Sir Thomas, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate.

Sir William, the preſent baronet.

Charles, who died 1698, aged twenty.

Heneage, a captain of foot in Sir Richard Temple's regiment, and being aid-de-camp to the duke of Argyle, was mortally wounded in the battle of Blaregnies, 1709, in the twenty-ninth year of his age; to whoſe memory, a handſome monument of black and white marble is erected, in the north iſle of Weſtminſter-abby, with the following inſcription (*b*):

M. S.
Heneagii Twiſden,
Gulielmi Twyſden, Baronetti,
Et Franciſcæ Uxoris,
Filii natu ſeptimi,
Qui
In acerrimo illo
Prope Blarenniam Hannonienſem Prælio,
Dum Celſiſſimo Fortiſſimoque Principi
Johanni Argatheliæ Duci,
Fœderatorum primam Aciem dirigenti,
Legatus Caſtrenſis aſſiſteret,
Strenue dimicans, occubuit.
Erat
Parentum Optimorum
Proles haudquaquam degener,

Nec

(*a*) Ex Coll. Brown Willis, Arm. p. 171.

(*b*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. IV.

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Nec indignus tanto Ductore Miles.
Domi
Egregiâ Comitate ac Benevolentiâ,
Integritate ac Modeſtiâ,
Incorruptâ erga Amicos fide,
Summâ in Deum & parentes Pietate.
Militiæ
Fortitudine invicta,
Indefeſsâ Laborum Tolerantiâ,
Mente inter Pericula inconcuſsâ,
Spectabilis
Tot tantiſque Virtutibus,
Privatis, Civilibus, Bellicis,
Clarus,
Triſte ſui Deſiderium,
Omnibus quibuſcunque innotuerat.
Reliquit;
Illi verò longè triſtiſſimum,
Qui
Conſuetudinis perjucundæ
Diuturnæque Officiorum Conjunctionis Memor,
Amico ſuo uſque deflendo
Honorarium hoc Marmor,
Ingentis Amoris
Monumentum exiguum P.
Obiit, A. D. MDCCIX, Ætat. ſuæ 29.

John, eighth ſon, was a lieutenant in Sir Cloudſley Shovel's ſhip, and was caſt away with him, in the twenty-fourth year of his age, 1707.

Joſias, youngeſt ſon, was a captain of foot, and received a mortal wound by a muſquet ſhot, in Flanders, 1708, aged twenty-three. They are both commemorated by inſcriptions, on two ſmall neat tables, on each ſide the aforeſaid monument, in Weſtminſter-abby, with the following inſcriptions:

Johanni Twyſden,
Gulielmi Twyſden, Baronetti,
Et Franciſcæ Uxoris,
Filio natu octavo,
Qui in Nave Prætoriâ
Cujus erat è Pronovarchis
Cum Cloudeſleio Shovell,
Britannicæ Claſſis Præfecto
Naufragus periit,
A. D. MDCCVII, Ætat. ſuæ xxiv.
Ne optimi Juvenis Memoria
Cum Corpore ſimul obrueretur,
Cenotaphium hoc

Multas

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Multas ei fuisse Virtutes,
Magnam de eo Spem Parentes concepisse,
In omne Ævum testetur. (a)

Josiæ Twysden,
Gulielmi Twysden, Baronetti,
Et Franciscæ Uxoris,
Filio natu nono
Qui in Exercitu Britannico Centurio
Castellum de Agremont,
Prope Urbem Insulas in Flandria
Oppugnans
Glande plumbeâ ictus cecidit,
A. D. MDCCVIII. Ætat. suæ xxiii.
Cadaver in Castra referri,
Et cum Militaribus Honoribus,
Quos optimè meruit,
Juvenis fortissimus
Sepeliri curavit
Henneagius Frater,
Heu! Non Die Superstes. (b)

Anne, eldest daughter of Sir William, died unmarried.

Frances, unmarried, and Isabella, married to Richard Lybbe, of Hardwick, in Oxfordshire, Esq;

Sir Thomas Twisden, Bart. (second, but eldest surviving son of Sir William,) was twenty-one years of age at his father's decease; and soon after, travelled into France, during the short interval of the peace of Reswick. He married (in the year 1710) Catherine, daughter and sole heir of Sir Francis Withens, Knt. one of the judges of the king's-bench, and departing this life the 10th of October, 1712, left only two daughters, viz. Frances, married to George Ogle, Esq; nephew to the late Sir George Markham, Bart. and Catherine, married to George Cooke, Esq; one of the prothonotaries of the court of common-pleas, son and heir of Sir George Cooke, Knt. (His widow afterwards married brigadier-general Jocelyn, youngest son of Sir Robert Jocelyn, of Hyde-hall, in Hertfordshire, Bart. and died, April, 1730;) whereupon the title and estate descended to his brother,

Sir William Twysden, the present baronet, who hath married Jane, daughter of Francis Twysden, Esq; youngest son of Sir Thomas Twysden, of Bradburn, in Kent, Bart. (one of the justices of the king's-bench, beforementioned) and hath issue three sons, William, Thomas, and Philip; and had three daughters, Jenny, (so christen'd,) who died, 1737; Elizabeth, now living, and Harriet, who died, 1723.

ARMS:

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. IV. p. 137. (b) Ibid. p 151.

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ARMS: Gyrony of four, Argent and Gules; a Saltire, between four croſs Croſſlets, all counterchang'd.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Cockatrice ſeieant, Gules, wing'd, criſled, &c. proper.

SEAT: At *Eaſt-Peckham*, in *Kent*.

22. HALES, of Woodchurch, Kent.

(Sir EDWARD, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, June 29, 1611.

THE town of Hales, in the county of Norfolk, in all likelyhood, gave name to this ancient family; for, Roger de Hales, (19 Henry II.) gave a tenement, which he was poſſeſſed of in the ſaid town, to the abby of Bungey (*a*), in that county; and another Roger de Hales, 18 Edward I. was returned by the ſheriff of Norfolk (*b*), as a knight, or freeman, on the jury, in a cauſe between the king, the biſhop of Norwich, and Robert Tateſhale, &c. whom I take to be the ſame perſon, whoſe daughter, Alice, was ſo beautiful, as to captivate Thomas, of Brotherton, earl of Norfolk, and marſhal, one of the younger ſons to King Edw. I. from which marriage proceeded Margaret, who was created dutcheſs of Norfolk, for life, 21 Richard II. from whom, by the lord Segrave, her huſband, the illuſtrious houſe of the Howards deſcend, enjoying the dukedom of Norfolk, and the hereditary earl-marſhalſhip of England.

By what means the family came into Kent, doth not appear; but that they gave name to their habitation in Halden, called from them, Hales-place, Mr. Philipot, voucheth in his ſurvey of Kent. From whence, (ſaith he) as from their fountain, the ſeveral ſtreams of the Hales's, that in divided rivulets have ſpread themſelves over the whole county, did originally break forth (*c*).

Nicholas Hales, of Hales-place, had iſſue, Sir Robert Hales, who was knight-prior of the hoſpital of St. John of Jeruſalem, and admiral of the north parts of England, in the reign of King Edward III. and was conſtituted treaſurer of England, 1 Feb. 4 Rich. II. (*d*) but in the ſame year, had the hard fate, in the beginning of the inſurrection under Wat Tyler, (called afterwards Jack Straw) to be dragged from his habitation, and ſuffer death on Tower-hill, and his houſe at Hybury, built like another paradiſe,

(*a*) Mon. Ang. vol. I. (*b*) Ryley's Placit. Parl. p. 43. (*c*) Philipot's Vill. Cant. p. 176. (*d*) Dugdale's Orig. Jurid.

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diſe, was utterly deſtroy'd in that popular fury, as the chronicles teſtifie (a).

Sir Nicholas de Hales, Knt. brother and heir to this Sir Robert, left iſſue, Thomas de Hales, of Hales-place, who had three ſons; 1. John. 2. Thomas, (from whom deſcended the Hales's, of Warwickſhire.) 3. Henry, whoſe ſon, George, was of Ledenham, in Kent, and was father to Edward Hales, of Rumford, in Eſſex.

John, the eldeſt ſon, was poſſeſſed of Hales-place, and was ſucceeded therein by Henry, his ſon and heir, who took to wife Julian, daughter and heir of Richard Capel, of Lenden, in Tenterden, Eſq; and had iſſue two ſons, John, hereafter mentioned, and Thomas, who was father of Sir Chriſtopher Hales, a noted lawyer in the reign of King Henry VIII. having been ſolicitor-general, attorney-general, and maſter of the rolls to the ſaid king (b).

John, (eldeſt ſon and heir of Henry Hales, of Hales-place) had iſſue a ſon of his own name, John Hales, who ſtudied the law at Gray's-Inn, of which ſociety he became autumnal reader, 5 Hen. VIII. He was the acting ſteward for the abby of St. Auguſtine, in Canterbury, jointly, with Sir Henry Guldeford, Knt. comptroller of the king's houſe, and afterwards, with Thomas Howard, duke of Norfolk: and 1 Octob. 1523, the fourteenth year of that king's reign, was conſtituted third baron of the exchequer, and afterwards, viz. May 14, 1529, 20 Hen. VIII. ſecond baron of the exchequer. He was ſeated at the Dungeon, near Canterbury, having purchaſed it of Roger Brent, Eſq; temp. Hen. VIII. and was (c) living there when Leland viſited Kent, 30 Hen. VIII. and married Iſabell, daughter and coheir of Stephen Harris, and had iſſue four ſons, and a daughter, Mildred, married to John Honywood, of Seen, near Hithe, in Kent, Eſq; Of the ſons, James, the eldeſt, will be mentioned hereafter: 2. Thomas, of Thanington, in Kent, anceſtor to the Hales's, of Beakſbourne, of whom, in its proper place: 3. Edward, anceſtor to the branch we are now treating of; and 4. William, of Nackington.

Sir James, the eldeſt ſon, likewiſe ſtudied the law at Gray's-Inn, and having been autumnal reader, 24 Hen. VIII. was choſen double lent-reader, 28 Hen. VIII. and ſerjeant at law, the thirty-fifth of that reign (d); and was made, on the coronation of King Edward VI. one of the forty knights, after he was crown'd, the ceremonies of the Bath being omitted, for want of time (e). In the third year of that reign, he was conſtituted one of the juſtices of the common-pleas, and was the only judge that refuſed (the reſt being frighted at the frowns of the duke of Northumberland) to

(a) Twiſden Dec. Scriptor. Coll. 2634 & ſeq. in Knighton. (b) Dugdale's Orig.
(c) Philipot's Viſit. Cant. p. 94. (d) Dugd. Orig. Præd. (e) Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton.

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to ſubſcribe the king's will for diſinheriting the ladies, Mary, and Elizabeth, as againſt both law and conſcience; yet, in the next reign, by the influence of Stephen Gardner, biſhop of Wincheſter *(a)*, and lord-chancellor, he was committed to priſon, and hardly us'd for urging the obſervation of ſome laws of King Edward VI. and ſo threatned by his keeper, that he endeavoured to have kill'd himſelf; and tho' the queen, in conſideration of his fidelity to her intereſts, ordered his releaſe, yet he afterwards grew melancholy, and in that change drowned himſelf *(b)*, near his houſe in Kent, 1555. He left iſſue, by his wife, ——daughter and heir of Thomas Hales, of Henley, upon Thames, in com. Oxon. Eſq; two ſons, and a daughter.

Humphrey, his eldeſt ſon, had the ſeat and eſtate of the Dungeon, near Canterbury, and was father to Sir James Hales, knighted by Queen Elizabeth, at Cobham-hall, in Sept. 1573; but this line is extinct.

Edward, third ſon of baron Hales, was ſeated at Tenterden, and by Margaret, his wife, daughter to John Honywood, of Seen, in Kent, Eſq; had iſſue two daughters, Jane, wife of Sir Thomas Honywood, of Elmſted, in Kent, Knt. and Elizabeth, married to William Auſtin, of Tenterden, Eſq; likewiſe three ſons, John, and Edward, who left no iſſue, 3. William, who was ſucceſſor both to his father, and brothers, in the eſtate at Tenterden; and having married Elizabeth, daughter to Paul Johnſon, of Fordwich, in Kent, Eſq; had two daughters, Mary, wife to Simon Smith, of Boughton-Monchelſey, in Kent, and Elizabeth, to Robert Kenrick, of King's-Sutton *(c)*, in com. Northton, Eſqrs. and one ſon, Edward.

Which

(a) Fuller's Worthies in Kent, p. 69. *(b)* Strype, in his Memorials Eccleſiaſtical, under Q. Mary, ſays, 'Sir James Hales, of Kent, Knt. a pious and good man, and a juſt and able judge, under King Henry, and King Edward, was made a priſoner in the king's-bench, by the biſhop of Wincheſter, lord-chancellor; and thence removed to the counter, in Bread-ſtreet, and from thence to the Fleet; here, one Foſter, a gentleman of Hampſhire, laboured to perſuade him to embrace the popiſh doctrine, by this argument; *That the error was without danger, but the truth full of peril.* When it was known that Hales was inclinable to relent, Day, biſhop of Chicheſter, and Portman, a judge, came to him, (it being then the month of April, 1554) and did ſo earneſtly deal with him, that they overcame him at laſt, after his having lain three weeks in that priſon of the Fleet. But the trouble that aroſe in his conſcience for what he had done, filled him with great terror, and overwhelmed him with ſorrow; ſo that he attempted, in the abſence of his ſervant, to kill himſelf with his penknife. For being ill, and lying ſobbing and ſighing, he ſent down his ſervant upon an errand, and in the mean time wounded himſelf in divers places of his body; but his ſervant came in on the ſudden, and at that time prevented his death. But after his recantation, being diſmiſſed home unto his own country and habitation, conquer'd with grief and deſpair, he drowned himſelf in a ſhallow pond, near his own houſe, which is ſhewn to this day. vol. III. p. 173, 174. and in the catalogue of originals, p. 67.' Tho' the family of Beakſbourne, deny that he drowned himſelf, and ſay, 'That Sir James, retiring to his ſeat, at Thanington, near Canterbury, amuſed himſelf with the pleaſures of a country life, and croſſing the river over a narrow bridge, as he was walking in his meadows, fell in accidentally, and was drowned, aged eighty-five.' See Hales, of Beakſburne's account, poſtea.

(c) Sir Hen. St. George's Northton, p. 121.

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Which Edward, became poſſeſſed of a good eſtate, by marriage with Deborah, daughter and heir of Martin Harlackenden, of Woodchurch, in Kent, Eſq; and having received the honour of knighthood, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 1611. He ſerv'd in ſeveral parliaments, and being ſtrictly devoted to the liberty of the ſubject, took part with thoſe that rais'd the rebellion againſt King Charles I. He died in Oct. 1654, aged ſeventy-eight, and lies buried at Tunſtall, under a noble marble monument, with his effigies cut in full proportion. He had iſſue by the aforeſaid Deborah, four ſons; 1. John, 2. Edward, of Chilſon, in Kent, (whoſe ſon, Edward, by the daughter of John Evelyn, of Deptford, in Kent, Eſq; left iſſue,) 3. Samuel, and 4. Thomas, who died S. P. Sir Edward, having buried his firſt wife, married a ſecond, Martha, daughter of Sir Matthew Carew, Knt. and relict of Sir James Cromer, of Tunſtall, in Kent, Knt. whereby he added a fine eſtate to his family.

John, his eldeſt ſon, having married Chriſtian, one of the daughters and coheirs of the aforeſaid Sir James Cromer, of Tunſtal, Knt. died in the life-time of his father, and left iſſue,

Sir Edward Hales, Bart. who, in his younger years, riſqu'd his perſon and fortune, in endeavouring the reſcue of King Charles I. from his impriſonment in the iſle of Wight, and from the hands of thoſe deſperate men that brought him to the ſcaffold; of which enterprize, my lord Clarendon gives the following relation: 'Mr. L'Eſtrange, [the famous Sir Roger] ſays he (a), had a 'great friendſhip with a young gentleman, Mr. Hales, who 'lived in Kent, and was married to a lady of a noble birth and 'fortune, he being heir to one of the greateſt fortunes in that 'country, but was to expect the inheritance from the favour of 'an old ſevere grandfather, who, for the preſent, kept the young 'couple from running into any exceſs; the mother of the lady 'being of as ſour and ſtrict a nature as the grandfather, and both 'of them ſo much of the parliament party, that they were not 'willing any part of their eſtates ſhould be hazarded for the king. 'At the houſe of this Mr. Hales, Mr. L'Eſtrange was, when, 'by the communication which that part of Kent always hath 'with the ſhips which lie in the Downs, the report firſt did ariſe, 'that the fleet would preſently declare for the king; and thoſe 'ſeamen who came on ſhore, talk'd as if the city of London 'would join with them. This drew many gentlemen of the 'country, who wiſh'd well, to viſit the ſhips, and they return'd 'more confirmed of the truth of what they had heard. Good 'fellowſhip was a vice ſpread every where; and this young great 'heir, who had been always bred among his neighbours, affected 'that which they were beſt pleas'd with; and ſo his houſe was 'a rendezvous for thoſe who delighted in that exerciſe, and, who 'every

(a) Hiſt. Rebel. 8vo. vol. V. p. 134.

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'every day brought him the news of the good inclinations of the 'fleet for the king; and all men's mouths were full of the gene-'ral hatred the whole kingdom had againſt the parliament, as 'well as the army.'

In this poſture of affairs, Mr. L'Eſtrange eaſily induc'd Mr. Hales, to put himſelf at the head of his own country, that was willing to be led by him; and his lady, who was full of zeal for the king, joining with him, the young gentleman reſolved to do ſomewhat for his majeſty's ſervice, at a juncture when the Scots were ready to march into England, and moſt parts of the kingdom ready to riſe; but being not enough converſant in the affairs of the world, he referr'd himſelf and the whole buſineſs to be governed by Mr. L'Eſtrange, who was believ'd, by his diſcourſe, to be an able ſoldier. Accordingly, letters were ſent to particular gentlemen, and warrants to the conſtables of hundreds, requiring, 'In his majeſty's name, all perſons to appear at a time 'and place appointed, to adviſe together, and lay hold on ſuch 'opportunities as ſhould be offer'd for relieving the king, and de-'livering him out of priſon.' And meeting accordingly, they unanimouſly elected Mr. Hales, for their general, declaring, they would be ready to join, and march as he directed: and accordingly, a good body of horſe and foot were drawn together, at Maidſtone, Mr. Hales having taken up, on his own ſecurity, near 80000l. to defray the expence *(a)*; and they were ſo ſtrong, that the commander of the parliament forces, ſent to ſuppreſs them, wrote word, that he durſt not advance. On the news of this commotion, (the firſt in the kingdom) the earl of Norwich, was diſpatch'd to Kent, to command as general. Upon the news of another general being ſent, Mr. Hales retir'd, with his friend Mr. L'Eſtrange, to Holland; not that his affection was in the leaſt declin'd, but being threatned by his grandfather, on the one ſide, and his wife, by her mother, on the other *(b)*, he was willing to put his wife out of the reach of her mother, reſolving to return himſelf, and venture his perſon in the ſervice; which he did after heartily endeavour to do; but that body rais'd in Kent, being afterwards diſpers'd by faction and ill counſel, he remain'd in Holland, and was ever after forc'd to abſcond, and, for the moſt part, live beyond the ſeas, on account of the great debts he contracted for the king's ſervice. He died in France, ſome years after the reſtoration, and left iſſue by his lady, one of the daughters and coheirs of Thomas, lord Wotton, of Boughton-Malherbe, in Kent, Sir Edward, his ſucceſſor; John, of the Inner-temple, who died unmarried; Charles, and Thomas, who alſo died unmarried.

Sir Edward Hales, Bart. (ſon and heir of Sir Edward) was in much

(a) Ex. Inf. Dom. Johan. Hales, Bar. (b) Clar. Hiſt. vol. V. p. 142.

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much favour with King James II. under which king he had a regiment of foot, was one of his privy-council, and one of the lords of the admiralty, deputy-governor of the cinque-ports, and lieutenant-governor of the Tower of London. This gentleman had an action brought againſt him of 500l. by Arthur Godden, his coachman, for neglecting to take the oaths of ſupremacy and allegiance, within three months after he had his regiment, grounded upon the act of 25 Car. II. for preventing dangers from popiſh recuſants, and was convicted at Rocheſter aſſizes for the ſame; but moving it into the king's-bench, pleaded the king's diſpencing power, and had judgment *(a)* given for him; eleven of the judges out of the twelve, being of opinion, that the king might diſpence in that caſe. At the revolution, he was confined for a year and an half, in the tower *(b)*; and on his releaſe, went to France, was at La Hogue, to embark for England, when admiral Ruſſel burnt the French ſhips; and, in conſideration of his ſervices, was created earl of Tenterden, in Kent, by the late King James, whilſt he was in that kingdom; he died in France, in 1695, and was buried in the church of St. Sulpice, in Paris. He married Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Windibank, of Oxfordſhire, Knt. who died 1693, and had iſſue five ſons, and ſeven daughters. Of the ſons, only the preſent Sir John, ſurvives. Edward, the eldeſt, was kill'd at the battle of the Boyn, fighting for King James II. Charles, Robert, and James, lived to men's eſtate, and died unmarried. Of the daughters,

Anne, died unmarried.

Mary, married —— Bauwens, Eſq; judge of the admiralty, at Oſtend.

Frances, married the right honourable, Peter, earl of Fingall, in the kingdom of Ireland.

Jane, Elizabeth, and Catherine, died unmarried. And, Clare, wedded Mr. Huſſey, of the kingdom of Ireland.

Sir John Hales, the preſent baronet, hath married two wives; firſt, Hellen, daughter of Sir Richard Bealing, of the kingdom of Ireland, ſecretary to the queen-dowager of King Charles II. and ſecondly, another Hellen, daughter of Dudley Bagnall, of the Newry, in the kingdom of Ireland, Eſq; By the former, he had two ſons; 1. Edward, who married Mrs. Bulſtrode, relict of captain Bulſtrode, and grandaughter of Sir Richard Bulſtrode, Knt. (who died at St. Germains, in France, Oct. 1711, aged one hundred and two,) by whom he left only one ſon, Edward, about fourteen years of age, heir to the title and eſtate; and 2. John, who

(a) This memorable affair was argu'd by Sir Edward Northey, for the plaintiff, and Sir Thomas Powis, for the defendant, and the lord chief-juſtice Herbert, delivered the opinions of the twelve judges. See the whole proceedings at large, in State Trials, fo. vol. VII. p. 612, &c. *(b)* Ex Infor. Dom. J. Hales, præd.

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who died a batchelor; and a daughter, Frances, married to George-Henry, the preſent earl of Litchfield. By his ſecond lady, he hath had iſſue three ſons; James, killed in Italy, 1735, being an officer in the emperor's ſervice; Alexander, and Philip, both living. This lady Hales, died at Luckly, near Oakingham, in Berks, Nov. 1737.

ARMS: Gules, three Arrows, Or, feather'd and bearded, Argent.

CREST: On a Wreath, a dexter Arm, bended at the Elbow, and arm'd, proper, garniſh'd, Or, and bound about with a Ribband, Gules, holding an Arrow, as in the Arms.

SEATS: At *St. Stephen's*, near *Canterbury*, at *Tunſtall*, and *Woodchurch*, all in *Kent*.

23. NAPIER, of Luton-Hoo, Bedfordſhire.

(Sir ROBERT, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Sept. 24, 1611.

SEVERAL pedigrees *(a)*, and the following certificate of Sir Archibald Naper, of Merchiſton, in Scotland, Knt. deputy-treaſurer of that kingdom, and of the privy-council to King Charles I. declare this family to be deſcended from the ancient earls of Lenox, created to that title in the reign of Malcolm III. about the year 1057.

To all and ſingular as well noble and gentlemen, both Engliſh, French, and Scotch, as others, to whom theſe preſents ſhall come: know, that I, Sir William Segar, Knt. als. Garter, principal herald and king of arms of this realm of England, ſend greeting, in our Lord God, Everlaſting. Whereas, anciently, from the beginning, the valiant and virtuous acts of worthy perſons have been commended to the world, with ſundry monuments and remembrances of their good deſerts, amongſt which, the chiefeſt and moſt uſual hath been the bearing of ſigns in ſhields called arms, which are evident demonſtrations of proweſs and valour diverſly diſtributed, according to the qualities and deſerts of the perſons meriting the ſame; which order, as it was prudently deviſed in the beginning, to ſtir up and kindle the hearts of men to the imitation of virtue and nobleneſs, even ſo hath the ſame been

(a) Ex Stem. penes Sir Nath. Napier, Bart. de com. Dorſ. & Tho. Jekyl, Arm.

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been, and as yet is continually obſerved, to the end that ſuch as have done commendable ſervice to their prince or country either in war or peace, may both receive due honour in their lives, and alſo derive the ſame ſucceſſively to their poſterity after them, for ever. Amongſt which, I find, Sir Robert Naper, of Luton-Hoo, in the county of Bedford, Knt. and Bart. to be nobly deſcended from the ancient earls of Lenox, in Scotland; and being deſired by him, the ſaid Sir Robert Naper, to make entry of his deſcent and genealogy, in the office of arms, and becauſe the ancient records of thoſe countries remain not with us, and the ſaid Sir Robert Naper, and others, being ſo deſcended as aforeſaid, and now remaining within the realm of England, I, to ſatisfy his juſt and laudable requeſt, herein have entered the ſame, in the office of arms, as they were delivered unto me by the ſaid Sir Robert, with certificate under the hand and ſeal of Sir Archibald Naper, of Merchiſton, in the realm of Scotland, in theſe words, viz. To all and ſingular perſon or perſons, to whom theſe preſents ſhall come, greeting. Know ye, that I, Sir Archibald Naper, of Merchiſton, in the kingdom of Scotland, Knt. deputy-treaſurer, and one of his majeſty's privy-council there, for as much as my entirely beloved kinſman, Sir Robert Naper, of Luton-Hoo, in the county of Bedford, Knt. and Bart, being deſirous to be informed of his pedigree and deſcent from my houſe, I have, to ſatisfy his lawful and laudable requeſt, herein declared the truth thereof, and the original of our name, as by tradition from father to ſon, we have generally, and without any doubt, received the ſame. That one of the ancient earls of Lenox, in Scotland, had iſſue three ſons; the eldeſt, ſucceeded him in the earldom of Lenox; the ſecond, whoſe name was Donald, and the third, named Sillcriſt. —— the then king of Scots, having wars, did convocate his leiges to the battle, amongſt whom that was commanded, was the earl of Lenox, who, keeping his eldeſt ſon at home, ſent his ſecond ſon to ſerve for him, with the forces that were under his command: this battle went hard with the Scots, for the enemy preſſing furiouſly upon them, forced them to loſe ground, until at laſt they fell to flat running away, which being perceived by Donald, he pulled his father's ſtandard from the bearer thereof, and valiantly encountering the foe, being well follow'd by the earl of Lenox's men, he repulſed the enemy, and changed the fortune of the day, whereby a great victory was got. After the battle, as the manner is, every one advancing, and ſetting forth his own acts, the king ſaid unto them, *Ye have all done valiantly, but there is one amongſt you who hath Na-peir*, and calling Donald unto his preſence, commanded, in regard of his worth, ſervice, and augmentation of his honour, to change his name from *Lenox* to *Naper*, and gave him the lands of Gofurd, and

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and lands in Fife, and made him his own ſervant; which diſcourſe is confirmed by ſundry of my old evidences and teſtimonies, wherein we are called Lenox als Naper; after this, the earldom of Lenox, for want of heirs-male, went to daughters, the elder whereof, was married to Sir John Mentith, of Roſky, who was earl of Lenox, during his natural life; and the younger was married to Allan Stewart, lord Darnly, of whom is deſcended the king's majeſty, the dukes of Lenox, and divers other nobles of Scotland; Sir John Mentith, had two daughters, the firſt married to —— Haddon, of Glengis, and the ſecond was married to John Naper, of Roſky and Merchiſton, being the ſon of Sir Alexander Naper, of Merchiſton, deſcended from Donald, aforeſaid; amongſt them there was great ſtrifes and controverſies, for the title and honour of Lenox, but the revenue was divided amongſt them, and I hold ſome land to this day, in Lenox, which came to my anceſtors by the ſame diviſion; as alſo certain lands, which did anciently belong to the ſaid Sir John Mentith, for Sir John Mentith, according to the laws and cuſtoms of the country, enjoyed the honour for his life, and left the ſame to deſcend to the ſaid —— Haddon, of Glengis; for Naper, of Merchiſton, beſides his marriage, bore his ancient arms, ſurname, and deſcent, from the houſe of the earls of Lenox, for the lord Darnley was in the king's ſpecial favour and inclination, which being known unto Naper, of Merchiſton, being then in the king's ſervice, he relinquiſhed his ſuit, and is ſaid, got Blairinwades for that cauſe; but I do find, that he did give his part of the fiſhing of Levin, and the Water-mouth of Inch-Tavenock, with the patronages for ſome churches for Blairinwades. And for further teſtimony for the affection of the ſaid Napers, of Merchiſton, the lord Darnly did, in recompence of their relinquiſhing their claim to the dignity of Lenox, tie themſelves and their heirs to ſupport and maintain the ſaid houſe of the Napers, and their heirs, in all juſt occaſions and ingagements, as by ancient evidences is manifeſted. The ſaid Sir John Naper, of Merchiſton and Roſky, had iſſue, Archibald, father to Sir Alexander, who had iſſue, Sir Alexander, and James, (hereafter mentioned) *(a)*; Sir Alexander, had iſſue, Sir Alexander, who had iſſue, Sir Archibald and Alexander; Sir Archibald, had iſſue, Sir John, and Sir Alexander; Sir John, was my father; Alexander, ſecond ſon of Sir Alexander, and brother to Sir Archibald, my grandfather, as aforeſaid, having ſpent the greateſt part of his youth in foreign parts, came into England, in the time of King Henry VIII. and had iſſue the

(a) Other pedigrees make this Sir Alexander, to have had three ſons, Sir Alexander, James, and *John*; and that *John*, was the perſon that came into England, temp. Hen. VII. and was the anceſtor to thoſe of Swire, in com. Dorſet &c. ſo, probably, this *John*, is omitted by the tranſcriber, and James made, by miſtake, the anceſtor to the Napiers, of the Weſt. See Napier, of Middlemerſhall, his account, poſtea.

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aforeſaid Sir Robert Naper, Knt. and Bart. Richard Naper, of Linford, now living, and divers other ſons and daughters. James, aforeſaid *(a)*, coming into England in the time of King Hen. VII. and firſt planting himſelf in Swire, in the county of Dorſet, who had iſſue, 1. Edward, of Oxford and Swire, aforeſaid: 2. Nicholas Naper, of Tintinhull, in the county of Somerſet: 3. James, of Midlemerſhall, in the county of Dorſet. From the eldeſt brother are deſcended the Napers, of Oxford; the third brother, James, of Midlemerſhall, was father to Sir Robert Naper, of Midlemerſhall, ſome time lord chief-baron of Ireland, and father to Sir Nathaniel Naper, now living. This James, had divers other iſſues, being grandfather to John Naper, and Robert Naper, of Puncknoll, in the county of Dorſet, Eſqrs. and divers others of that ſtem, now living in that county. Nicholas Naper, of Tintinhull, in the county of Somerſet, Eſq; hath alſo divers iſſues. Theſe things being found by me, as aforeſaid, cauſeth me, out of the natural affection and love which I bear to my loving couſins, Sir Robert Naper, Knt. and Bart. Sir Nathaniel Naper, and the reſt of my ſaid kindred in England, to teſtify and give allowance to them, to bear my arms, ſupporters, and creſt, with their due differences, as their lawful right and ancient inheritance, and as the ſame are depicted in the margin; and do hereby acknowledge them to be kinſmen of my blood, and branched from my houſe, according to due proof, as is above declared. In witneſs whereof, I have hereunto ſet my hand and ſeal of arms. Dated the firſt day of June, an. Dom. MDCXXV. And finding the ſaid Sir Robert Naper, to bear nine coats, quartered; the firſt, Argent, a Saltire ingrailed, between four roſes, Gules, by the name of Naper: the ſecond, Or, a Bend Chequey, Argent and Azure, belonging to the noble and worthy ſurname of Mentith: the third, Or, a Ship, Sable, under a Chief, Azure, charged with three Buckles, Argent, by the name of Roſky: the fourth, Party per Cheveron, Or, and Vert, three birchen Branches counter-changed of the field, by the name of Birchley: the fifth, Chequey, Or and Azure, on a Canton, Gules, a Lion rampant, Ermine, by the name of Warren: the ſixth, Gules, a Cheveron, between three Eagles diſplay'd, with two heads, Argent, by the name of Eyton: the ſeventh, Or, on a Feſſe, Gules, three croſs Croſſlets, Argent, by the name of Coleviſl: the eighth, Azure, three Logenges, the Field Cruſſlely, Or, by the name of Stockport: the ninth, Or, on a Cheveron, Gules, three Swans, Argent, by the name of Stafford: and to their creſt, and badge, on a helm mantled, Gules, doubled within, Argent, on a wreath of the colours, Argent and Gules, a Demi-Arm, Gules, lined Argent, the hand holding a Creſcent, proper, being the ancient

(a) Quere, if this ſhould not be John, as beforementioned.

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ancient creſt of the Napers, of Merchiſton. And alſo finding the ſaid Sir Robert, to bear for a creſt, on a wreath of the colours, a Greyhound, Gules, coloured and lined, Or, having been anciently borne a ſecond creſt, as more at large are depicted in the margent; alſo above, in the deſcent of the ſaid Sir Robert, which deſcent, arms, creſt, and ſupporters, ſo depicted, and every part and parcel thereof, I the ſaid Garter, principal king of arms, by power and authority of my office, annexed and granted by letters-patents, under the great ſeal of England, do aſſign, give, and grant unto the ſaid Sir Robert Naper, and to his ſucceſſors, with their due difference, to uſe, bear, and ſhew forth, in all places whereſoever, according to the laws of arms, without impediment, lett, or interruption of any perſon whatſoever. In witneſs whereof, I, the ſaid Garter, have ſet hereunto my hand and ſeal of office, the firſt day of September, in the firſt year of the reign of our ſovereign Lord Charles, by the grace of God, king of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland, defender of the faith, &c.

WILLIAM SEGAR, Garter.

Which Alexander Napier, beforementioned, youngeſt ſon of Sir Alexander, and brother to Sir Archibald, for diſtinction, was called Sandy, and came into England, temp. Hen. VIII. and ſettled at Exeter, and by Anne, his wife, daughter to Edward Birchley, of Hertfordſhire, had iſſue four daughters; Catherine, married to Edward Kempton, of London: Margaret, wife to Francis Evington, of London: Elizabeth, to John Leech, of Devonſhire; and Anne, to William Newcombe, of Exeter; and three ſons:

1. John, who married Joan, the daughter of Webb; whoſe daughter and heir, Anne, became the wife of Matthew Stoker, of Baſingſtoke. 2. Sir Robert; and 3. Richard, rector of Linford, in Bucks.

Sir Robert Napier, purchaſed the eſtate at Luton-Hoo, in Bedfordſhire, (a fine ſeat, with a park, in the pariſh of Luton, that was anciently the poſſeſſions of the family of Hoo) and was knighted by King James I. in his progreſs, anno 1611, and farther advanc'd by the ſaid king to the dignity of a baronet, Sept. 24, 1612. He married three wives; 1. the daughter of Stapers: 2. Margaret, daughter to Richard Barnes, citizen and mercer of London; and 3. Mary, daughter to John Robinſon, merchant, and had iſſue, only by the laſt, viz. three ſons and four daughters *(a)*; 1. Sir Robert, his ſucceſſor. 2. Sir Richard, of Linford, who, by Anne, his firſt wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Tyrringham, of Tyrringham, in Bucks, Knt. had Robert Napier,

(a) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar.

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M. D. and Richard, a merchant, who both died unmarried. He married, ſecondly, Mary, daughter of Thomas Vynor, Eſq; lord-mayor of London, 1654, by whom he had, Thomas Napier, of Brockhill, in Middleſex, and Mary, who died unmarried. Alexander, the third ſon, married Elizabeth, daughter of Lewis Cokayn, of Cokayn-Hatley, in com. Bedf. Eſq; and had iſſue a ſon, Lewis, of Woodſtock, in com. Oxon. who married the daughter of John Griffith, D. D. reader at the Temple. The four daughters of Sir Robert were, Mary, married to Sir Thomas Middleton, of Chirk-caſtle, in com. Denbigh, Knt. Chriſtian, married to Sir Thomas Eversfield, of Den, in Suſſex, Knt. Sarah, wife of Sir Walter Leach, of Cadleigh, in Devon, Knt. and Magdalen, wife of general Mitton, in com. Salop. This Sir Robert, died April, 1637.

Sir Robert, his eldeſt ſon, and ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate, received the honour of knighthood from King James I. at Whitehall, April 30, 1623, in the life-time of his father. He married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Sir William Thornhurſt, of Agincourt, in Kent, Knt. (by Anne, his wife, daughter of Thomas Howard, viſcount Bindon, and ſiſter and coheir of Thomas Howard, viſcount Bindon, knight of the garter) by whom he had one ſon, Robert, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Edward Littleton, of Pillaton-Hall, in com. Stafford. Bart. by whom he had only one ſon, Robert *(a)*, who died unmarried, 1675. Sir Robert married, ſecondly *(b)*, lady Penelope, daughter of John Egerton, firſt earl of Bridgwater, by whom he had two ſons, John, and Alexander; and a daughter, Frances: Alexander, his ſecond ſon, was of Hatton-garden, London, and (*c*) married Mary, daughter and heir to Richard Maſon, of Worldham, in Hampſhire, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Robert, who died unmarried, and three daughters; Penelope, who died unmarried; Jane, and Elizabeth, who are living, and unmarried. Frances, the only daughter of Sir Robert, married, firſt, Sir Edward Barkham, of Southacre, in Norfolk, Bart. and ſecondly *(d)*, the lord Richardſon, baron of Cramond, in Scotland.

Sir Robert, ſettled his eſtate on John and Alexander, his ſons by the ſecond marriage, and ſurrendred his patent of baronet, to the intent the ſaid dignity ſhould be granted to himſelf, with remainder to the ſaid John and Alexander, but dying in the year 1660, before a new one paſſed the ſeals, John *(e)*, the eldeſt ſon aforeſaid, being poſſeſſed of the eſtate, had the patent granted to him, by his majeſty King Charles II. bearing date, March 4, 1660, whereby he was created to the degree of a baronet, with pre-

(*a*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar. (*b*) Sir Edward Byſhe's Viſit. of Bedf. fo. 48. (*c*) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar. (*d*) Blomfield's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 684. (*e*) Byſhe's Viſit. Bedf. p. 486.

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precedency, according to the date of the patent his father ſurrendered, with remainder to Alexander, his brother, and his heirs male, and likewiſe, with remainder to the heirs male of Sir Robert Napier, Knt. grandfather to him the ſaid John.

Which Sir John Napier, Bart. was elected knight of the ſhire for the county of Bedford, in the reign of King Charles II. and having afterwards the misfortune of receiving two falls from his horſe, was ſo craz'd, that a commiſſion of lunacy was awarded againſt him; and dying in the year 1712, left iſſue, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Theophilus Biddulph, of Weſt-Combe, in Greenwich in Kent, Bart. (ſiſter to Sir Michael,) five ſons, and two daughters *(a)*; 1. John, who died unmarried. 2. Sir Theophilus. 3. Archibald, who, by Sarah, relict of ——Angier, Eſq; left one ſon, Sir John, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who died unmarried. 4. Edward; and 5. Alexander, who both died unmarried. Of the daughters, Suſan, married John Highlord, of Harrow, in Middleſex, Eſq; and Frances, is unmarried.

Sir Theophilus, eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate, and married Elizabeth, daughter of John Rotheram, of Much-Waltham, in Eſſex, Eſq; but left no iſſue: ſhe, ſurviving her huſband, married, ſecondly, Thomas, the late lord Howard, of Effingham, who left her a ſecond time a widow, 1725, and ſhe afterwards married to her third huſband *(b)*, Sir Conyers D'Arcy, knight of the Bath, and member of parliament for Richmond, in Yorkſhire, uncle to the preſent earl of Holderneſs.

Sir Theophilus, leaving no iſſue,

Sir John Napier, the preſent baronet, ſon of Archibald, ſucceeded his uncle: he is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: The ſame as Napier, of Merchiſton, viz. Argent, a Saltier engrailed, between four Roſes, Gules; with due diſtinction.

CREST: On a Wreath, a dexter Arm, coup'd at the Elbow, veſted Gules, turned up Argent, graſping a Creſcent, proper.

SUPPORTERS: Two Eagles cloſe, proper.

SEAT: At *Luton-Hoo*, in *Bedfordſhire*.

(a) Ex Infor. Dom. Jo. Napier, Bar. *(b)* Collins's Peerage of England, vol. II. p. 424.

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24. WYVILL, of Conſtable-Burton, Yorkſhire.

(Sir MARMADUKE, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1611 (*a*).

THIS family hath been of knightly degree ever ſince the conqueſt, and the preſent Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, is the twenty-third in a lineal deſcent from,

1. Sir Humphry D'Wyvell, of Walworth and Slingſby-caſtle, Knt. who came into England with William the conqueror, on the Norman invaſion, as appears from Stow, Speed (*b*), and all the old chronicles, wherein the Battle-abby liſt is preſerved.

2. Sir John D'Wyvell, Knt. his ſon, living in the time of William Rufus, married a daughter of Sir John Fulthorpe, Knt. whoſe ſon,

3. Oliver D'Wyvell, Eſq; lived in the reigns of King Stephen, and Hen. II. he married Grace, the daughter of Sir John Veſcey, Knt. and was father of,

4. Sir John D'Wyvell, Knt. living in the reign of King John, he married a daughter of Sir Adam Bruce, Knt.

5. Sir Robert D'Wyvell, Knt. his ſon, ſucceeded him, in the reign of Henry III. but it is not mentioned in the pedigree, whom he married; about this time lived John D'Wyvill, of this family, who was one of the barons of the exchequer, and was one of the juſtices of the common-pleas (*c*).

6. Sir Marmaduke D'Wyvell, Knt. ſon and heir of Sir Robert, married a daughter of Sir John Elton, Knt. in the reign of Edward I.

7. Robert D'Wyvell, Eſq; ſucceeded his father, Sir Marmaduke, and was returned, anno 1294, 23 Edward I. one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Leiceſter (*d*); alſo John D'Wyvell, Eſq; of the ſame lineage, was ſummoned by the king's writ, dated at Northampton, March 2, anno 1299, 29 Edw. I. to appear before him, with his dependants, well accoutred, with horſe and arms, at Berwick upon Tweed, to oppoſe the incurſion of the Scots. In the reign of Edward II. there was another Robert D'Wyvell, a branch of the ſame family, who was appointed

(*a*) From examination of the original patent, the date whereof has hitherto been erroneouſly printed, (by Dugdale, and in other catalogues of baronets,) Nov. 25, 1612. Ex Inf. Dom. Mar. Wyvill, Bar. (*b*) Stow's Chronicle, p. 106. (*c*) Philips's liſt of thoſe raiſed by the law, p. 248. Jo. De Wyvill Juſtic. itinerans apud Weſtm. 44 Hen. III. vide Rotul. itin. ejuſd. in cur. recep. Scac. (*d*) Ex Collect. Browne Willis, Arm.

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pointed keeper of the great ſeal, anno 1326 (*a*). He was alſo a great favourite with Edward III. being made biſhop of Bath and Wells, at the earneſt recommendation of that king to the pope—*Ad papam inſtantiſſime petit ut Robertus Wyvell, in epiſcopum Batheon & Welleſe promoveatur* (*b*). This Robert, was afterwards tranſlated to Saliſbury: 'He was biſhop of Saliſbury forty-five 'years (*c*). About the year 1355, he ſued William Montacute, 'earl of Saliſbury, with a writ of right for the caſtle of Saliſbury. 'The earl pleaded, that he would defend his title by combat: 'whereupon, at a time appointed, the biſhop was fain to bring 'his champion unto the liſts provided for this purpoſe. He was 'clothed all in white ſaving, that over the reſt of his apparel was 'caſt the coat-armour of the biſhop; after him came one with a 'ſtaff, and another with his target. The earl likewiſe brought 'in his champion, much in like ſort, and all things were now 'ready for them to go together, when upon a ſudden, by com-'mandment of the king's letters, the matter was ſtaid for a time. 'Before the ſecond meeting, the parties fell to agreement. The 'biſhop gave unto the earl 2500 marks, to leave the caſtle, with 'his appurtenances, unto him and his ſucceſſors, for ever. Be-'ſide this, he alſo recovered the chaſe of Beere, and the caſtle of 'Sherborn, which had been detained from his ſee, ever ſince 'King Stephen took it violently from Roger, his predeceſſor, for 'the ſpace of 200 years. He died the forty-ſixth year of his con-'ſecration, Sept. 4, 1375, and lieth buried under a fair marble 'ſtone, in the middle of the choir, near the biſhop's ſee; on the 'ſouth ſide, cloſe by him, lieth biſhop Jewel, who (as I have 'heard) deſired to lie beſide him.' But he was removed out of the choir, upon the paving it, to the croſs iſle, on the ſouth ſide, where is a biſhop, under a large arch, dreſſed in his epiſcopal habit, and under him, a perſon in armour, all in braſs, and round the verge, this inſcription (*d*):

> Hic jacet Robert Wyvill, congregavit & congregata ut Paſtor vigilans conſervavit, jura cum alia Beneficia ſua plurima caſtrum dicte eccleſie de Schirebonn, per diverſos annos & amplius manu militari violent occupatum eidem eccleſie ut pugil intrepidus recuperavit, ac ipſi eccleſie Chaceam ſuam de la Bere reſtitui procuravit, qui quarto Die Septembris, Anno Domini, Millimo CCCLXXV. & Anno conſecr. ſue XIvo. ſicut altiſſimo placuit, indicto Caſtro debitum reddidit——quo ſperavit & redidit cuncta potens.

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(*a*) Rymer's Fœdera, vol. IV. p 237. (*b*) Ibid. p. 391. (*c*) See biſhop Goodwin's catalogue of the biſhops of England, p. 348. (*d*) Antiquities of Saliſbury-cathedral, p. 96. in the ſame book, p. 273, it ſays, Robert Wyvill received his temporalities from Ed. III. 10 June, 1331, and dying 4 Sept. 1375, was here interr'd.

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8. Sir Thomas Wyvell, Knt. ſon of Robert, temp. Rich. II. married Dorcas, daughter of Sir Randulf Bulmer, Knt.

9. Sir Marmaduke Wyvell, Knt. ſucceeded his father, Sir Thomas, in the ſame reign, and married Barbara, daughter of Sir Randulph Gowle, Knt.

10. Robert Wyvell, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Marmaduke, temp. Hen. V. married Jane, daughter of Edmund Darrel, Eſq;

11. Sir Richard Wyvell, Knt. his ſon, having, in the year 1461, taken part with Henry VI. againſt the houſe of York, was ſlain at the battle of Towton, in Yorkſhire, and his eſtate forfeited to Edward IV. who gave Slingſby-caſtle, (which had belonged to this family, ever ſince the conqueſt,) to the lord Haſtings.

12. Chriſtopher Wyvell, Eſq; ſon of Sir Richard, married, in the reign of Edward V. a daughter of Richard Laſſels, Eſq;

13. Robert Wyvell, Eſq; his ſon, in the reign of Richard III. married Joan, the daughter and heir of John Pigot, Eſq;

14. Robert Wyvell, Eſq; his ſon and heir, ſucceeded him in his eſtate, temp. Henry VII. and married Anne, daughter of Sir John Norton, Knt.

15. Marmaduke Wyvell, Eſq; ſon and heir of Robert, in the reign of Henry VIII. made a large addition to his eſtate, by marrying, 1. Agnes, the daughter and heir of Sir Ralph Fitz-Randolph, of Spenithorne, Knt. lord of Middleham, by Elizabeth, his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of Ralph, lord Scrope, of Maſſam; which ancient barony is in fee, and lies dormant between the preſent Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart. and the ſon of Sir Abſtrupus Danby, whoſe anceſtor married the other daughter and coheir of the ſaid lord Scrope. This Marmaduke Wyvell, Eſq; was elected one of the burgeſſes for Rippon, in com. Ebor. in the parliament that met at Weſtminſter, Oct. 5, in the firſt year of Queen Mary's reign, anno 1553, and afterwards received the honour of knighthood. He married to his ſecond wife, the widow of Sir Roger Bellingham, Knt. and his third was Dorothy, daughter of ——, and relict of Sir William St. Quintin, Knt.

16. Chriſtopher Wyvill, Eſq; his ſon and heir, by his firſt wife, (temp. Queen Mary) married Margaret, daughter of the honourable John Scrope, Eſq; younger ſon of Henry, lord Scrope, of Bolton, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Henry Peircy, earl of Northumberland, from whom were deſcended the Scropes, earls of Sunderland.

17. Marmaduke, his ſon and heir, was elected a burgeſs for Richmond, in Yorkſhire, in ſeveral parliaments in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, who conferr'd the honour of knighthood on him (a), and in a progreſs that her majeſty made into the north, ſhe

(a) It is conjectured from a picture of this Sir Marmaduke, (now remaining in the family) with a gold key hanging to it, that he was her vice-chamberlain.

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ſhe did him the honour of a viſit, at Conſtable-Burton, the ſeat of the family, which he had rebuilt. He was afterwards created a baronet by his majeſty King James I. by patent dated Nov. 25, 1611. He married Magdalen, daughter of Sir Chriſtopher Danby, of Thorpe-park, in com. Ebor. Knt. and dying 1613, lies buried at Maſſam, under a noble monument of white marble, ſhewing the images of a knight in armour, and the ſtatue of a lady, both in full proportion; and under them the ſtatues of eight children, kneeling; and the following inſcription (*a*), ſetting forth his deſcent from the FitzRandolfs, and lord Scrope, viz.

Hic jacet Marmaducus Wyvell, Miles, primus ſui Nominis, Baronettus, Filius & Hæres Chriſtopheri per Margaretam Filiam Johannis Scroop. Chriſtopherus fuit Filius & Hæres Marmaduci: & Agnetis unius quinque Sororum & Cohæredum Johannis, Filii & Hæredis Radulphi Fitz-Randoli, Militis, & Elizabethæ unius trium Sororum & Cohæredum Radulphi Dom. Scroop, de Maſſam. Marmaducus fuit Filius & Hæres Roberti, Filii & Hæredis Roberti, & Joannæ, Filiæ & Hæredis Johannis Pigot. An. Dom. 1613.

Quo exſtructum fuit hoc Monumentum. Marmaducus, & Magdelana Filia Chriſtopheri Danby, Militis, habuit viventes ſex Filios & duas Filias; ejus tunc Hæres apparens fuit Chriſtopherus, Filius Chriſtopheri, Marmaducus Filius Marmaduci, Barbara unigenita, ſua vixit ad ætatem annorum 76, & mortuus anno Mediatoris ſui unici, cui ſit omnis Gloria & Benedictio, MDCXVII.

Menſiſque Januarii 9.

Thoſe children that married were, Magdalen, who was wife to Thomas Talbot, of Worvill, in Shropſhire, Eſq; anceſtor to the Talbots of that place (*b*): Chriſtopher, hereafter mentioned, and Francis, who was rector of Spenithorne, in Yorkſhire, and died 1649 (*c*), leaving iſſue, by Helen, daughter of Thomas Norton, of Burneby, Eſq; three ſons; 1. Thomas Wyvill, of Bellerby, in Yorkſhire, who, by Mary, daughter of Chriſtopher Place, of Dinſdale, in Durham, Eſq; left only one daughter: 2. Edward Wyvill, who married two wives, firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Peirſon, of Richmond, in Yorkſhire, Eſq; by whom he had iſſue one ſon, Edward; and by his ſecond wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Norton, of Diſhford, in Yorkſhire, one ſon, Francis: 3. Rowland, who died S. P.

18. Chriſtopher Wyvill, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Marmaduke, died in his father's life-time: he married Jane, daughter of Sir Robert Stapleton, of Wighill, in Yorkſhire, Knt. and had iſſue four ſons, and

(*a*) Ex Collect. Rad. Thoreſby de Leeds, in com. Ebor. Arm. (*b*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 527. (*c*) Dugdale's Viſit. of Yorkſhire, 32 B.

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and ſix daughters (a); 1. Marmaduke. 2. Henry, who died without iſſue. 3. William Wyvill, of Johnby, in Cumberland, (who married Mary, daughter of Leonard Muſgrave, of Johnby, in Cumberland, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir William Muſgrave, of Hayton, in Cumberland, Knt. by whom he had iſſue, Chriſtopher Wyvill, of Johnby, who married Frances, daughter of Sir Timothy Fetherſton, of Kirkſwald, in Cumberland, Knt.) and 4. Edward.

19. Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Chriſtopher, and ſucceſſor to his grandfather, Sir Marmaduke, in the title and eſtate, married Iſabel, daughter and ſole heir of Sir William Gaſcoigne, of Sedbury, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had ſeven ſons (b), (tho' ſix of them died unmarried, or without iſſue) and eight daughters, viz. 1. Mary, married to Arthur Beckwith, of Aldborough, in Yorkſhire, Eſq; father of the firſt Sir Roger Beckwith, Bart. 2. Jane, to Robert Wyld, of Hunton, Eſq; 3. Iſabel, to the honourable James Darcy, of Sedbury-park, in com. Ebor. Eſq; a younger ſon of Conyers, lord Darcy. 4. Grace, to George Witham, of Cliff, Eſq; 5. Olive, to George Menill, of Alborough, Eſq; 6. Elizabeth, to Sir William Dalton, of Hawkſworth, Knt. grandfather to the preſent Sir Charles Dalton, Knt. uſher of the black rod. 7. Anne, to Thomas Dalton, Eſq; younger brother of the ſaid Sir William; and 8. Dorothy, who died unmarried. This Sir Marmaduke, was ſheriff of Yorkſhire, in the ninth of Charles I. and ſuffered greatly in the civil wars for his loyalty to that king, being twice plundered by Oliver Cromwell's troops, beſides paying (c) 1343l. compoſition for his eſtate, which was ſequeſtered. He died in 1648.

20. Sir Chriſtopher, ſon and heir of Sir Marmaduke, was choſen member of parliament for Richmond, in Yorkſhire, on the reſtoration of King Charles II. He married Urſula, eldeſt daughter of Conyers, lord Darcy, eldeſt ſon of the earl of Holderneſs, and died 1665, leaving three ſons, and two daughters; 1. Sir William, who ſucceeded him. 2. Francis, who was receiver-general of the land-tax for Yorkſhire, Durham, and Northumberland, many years, in which poſt he continued till his death, Oct. 22, 1717, in the ſeventy-firſt year of his age: he married Anne, daughter of Sir William Cayley, of Brompton, in Yorkſhire, Bart. (who died Feb. 4, 1718, aged ſeventy-one) by whom he had three daughters; Urſula, married to —— Chivers, of Yorkſhire, Eſq; Barbara, died unmarried, and Frances, now living, unmarried. Chriſtopher, third ſon of Sir Chriſtoper, was doctor of divinity, and dean of Rippon, in Yorkſhire, twenty-four years: he married ——, and died, 1710, aged fifty-nine, and lies buried at Rippon, leaving two ſons, Chriſtopher, and William: the two

(a) Dugdale's Viſit. of Yorkſhire, fo. 74. (b) Ibid. (c) Liſt of compounders for their eſtates, in letter W.

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two daughters of Sir Chriſtopher Wyvill, Bart. were, Dorothy, married to Charles Tankard, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Charles Tankard, of Whixley, in Yorkſhire, Knt. and Barbara, married to St. John Thompſon, of Crawley, in Bedfordſhire, Eſq;

21. Sir William Wyvill, Bart. ſon and heir of Sir Chriſtopher, married Anne, ſole daughter of James Brook, of Ellingthorp, in com. Ebor. Eſq; (father of Sir James Brook, Bart.) he died, 1684, leaving iſſue, 1. Sir Marmaduke, his eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor; 2. D'arcy; who was an officer in the army, and afterwards collector of exciſe, he died at Derby, Jan. 5, 1734, leaving two ſons and a daughter; 3. John, who was one of the prebendaries of St. Paul's, and rector of Orſet, in Eſſex, who died unmarried, June 21, 1717. The two daughters of Sir William were, Priſcilla, married to major Kemp, who died 1729, leaving two ſons and five daughters; and Urſula, who died unmarried.

22. Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, who ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, ſerv'd in parliament as one of the burgeſſes for Richmond, in Yorkſhire, 7 William III. and in the firſt year of Queen Anne, was conſtituted one of the commiſſioners of the duties on ſalt, from whence he was, that year, removed to be a commiſſioner of the exciſe, in which poſt he continued till his death, anno 1722. He married Henrietta-Maria Yarburgh, (maid of honour to Queen Catherine and Queen Mary,) daughter of Sir Thomas Yarburgh, of Snaith, in Yorkſhire, Knt. by Henrietta-Maria, his wife, daughter and coheir of colonel Blagg, of Suffolk; (the other ſiſter and coheir, married Sidney, earl of Godolphin, lord high-treaſurer in the reign of Queen Anne, father of the preſent earl.) This Sir Marmaduke, left iſſue three ſons, and four daughters; 1. Sir Marmaduke, his ſucceſſor: 2. Thomas, who was one of the commiſſioners of the hawkers and pedlars, and accomptant-general of the exciſe; he died unmarried, in 1731. 3. Chriſtopher, who was one of the commiſſioners of exciſe for North-Britain, and is at preſent, comptroller of the exciſe-caſh, in England. He married, in 1723, firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of captain Stephen Martin Leake, heir to the late admiral Leake, by whom he had ſix children, but ſhe dying in 1732, left only one daughter, Elizabeth: in the year 1739, he married, ſecondly, Henrietta, daughter and coheir of Francis Aſty, of Black-Notley, in Eſſex, Hamburgh-merchant, by Elizabeth, his wife, the only ſurviving ſiſter of Sir Fiſher Tench, Bart. Anne, eldeſt daughter of Sir Marmaduke, was maid of honour to Queen Anne, and married John Wyvill, of Walton upon Thames, in Surry, Eſq; late lieutenant-colonel of the duke of Argyle's regiment of horſe; ſhe died in 1731, without iſſue. Margaret, the ſecond daughter, married John Purcell, Eſq; yeoman of the robes to his preſent majeſty, when prince of Wales; he died in 1731, leaving

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ing her a widow, without iſſue. Mrs. Purcell, is laundreſs of the body, and ſempſtreſs to his majeſty, and was dreſſer to the late Queen Caroline. Urſula, the third daughter, married Mr. Landen Jones, and died in 1733, leaving two ſons, and a daughter. Mary, the fourth and youngeſt daughter, married the reverend Mr. Gee, rector of Cherry-Burton, in Yorkſhire, and Foxholes, in Derbyſhire, who died in 1736, without iſſue.

23. Sir Marmaduke Wyvill, the preſent baronet, ſon and heir of Sir Marmaduke, beforementioned, was appointed poſt-maſter-general of Ireland, anno 1736. He married, in 1716, Cary, daughter of Edward Coke, of Holkham, in Norfolk, Eſq; and ſiſter to the right honourable the lord Lovell, knight of the Bath; ſhe died in 1732, without iſſue.

ARMS: Gules, three Chevronels, brac'd in baſe Vaire, and a Chief, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Wyvern, with the Wings elevated, Argent, breathing Flames, proper.

MOTTO: *Par la volonté de Dieu.*

SEAT: At *Conſtable-Burton*, and *Oſgodby*, both in the county of York.

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25. GOSTWICK, of Willington, Bedfordſhire.

(WILLIAM, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THIS ancient family was poſſeſſed of Willington, in com. Bedf. in the reign of King Henry III. *(a)* William de Goſtwick being lord thereof, an. 1209, 9 Hen. III. and his ſon, Hugo Goſtwick, in the reign of King Edward I. from whom, after ſix *(b)* generations, deſcended Sir John Goſtwick, of Willington, Knt. living in the reign of King Henry VI. John Goſtwyck, and William Goſtwyck, in 12 Henry VII. were farmers of the fiſhery of the river Ouſe, and of the coney-warren, of Willington *(c)*, as appears by an original account of the manor then belonging to Thomas Howard, earl of Surry.

Sir John Goſtwick, Knt. ſon and heir of Sir John, was *(d)* trea-

(a) Ex Coll. S. Segar. *(b)* In Barnes's Edw. III. p. 860. mention is made of William Goſtwick, who was taken priſoner, 1373, 47 Edw. III. with ſeveral Engliſh knights and eſquires, by the French, near Soiſſons, after having fought valiantly. *(c)* See the original account, in my cuſtody, Peter Le Neve, Norroy, 1727. *(d)* De Joh. Goſtwyke, theſaurio & receptore general. decimar. & fructum primor. de annuitate conceſſa 21 Hen. VIII. Rymer's Fœd. vol. XVII. inter acta MSS. Hen. VIII. in indice, vol. IV. N. 69. p. 115. and treaſurer of firſt-fruits and tenths, 32 Hen. VIII. vide MSS. ſubſid. penes Peter Leve, Norroy.

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treasurer of the first-fruits and rents to King Henry VIII. and afterwards master of the horse to that king (a), and is supposed to lie buried under an ancient tomb, on the north side of a chapel, in the church of Willington, (the burying-place of the family) but the brass at top being taken away, the inscription is lost: he married Margaret, daughter of Oliver, lord St. John (b), and had issue by her, John, his son and heir.

Which John Gostwick, lies buried on the south side of the chapel aforesaid, under a large old tomb, with this inscription over it:

Armiger ille Johannes Gostwyke
Hoc Opus fieri fecit: si ergo
Quid valeant pia Vota;
Largire Pater, ut Aeterna fruatur
Posteritate.
1541.

He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Petre, of Ingerstone, in Essex, Knt. and was succeeded in his estate by his son, William Gostwick, Esq; who married Martha, daughter and coheir of Sir Humphrey Ratcliff, of Elstow, in Sussex, Knt. (by his wife Isabel, daughter and heir of Edmund Harvey, of Elstow, Esq;) and sister of Edward Ratcliffe, earl of Sussex, and by her, was father of a son of his own name, who succeeded him in the estate.

Which William Gostwick, Esq; was high sheriff of the (c) county of Bedford, 37 Eliz. and was, by King James I. advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He married Jane, daughter and heir of Henry Owen, of Wotton, in com. Bedford, Esq; by whom he had several children; and a noble tomb is erected to his memory, in the middle of the chapel aforesaid, in the church of Willington, the image of a knight in armour, in full proportion, lying thereon, and on the north side of the tomb, this inscription:

Here lyeth the Body of Sir William Gostwyke, Bart. who had to Wife Jane Owen, the Daughter of Henry Owen, Esq; by whom he had Issue seven Sons, and four Daughters. He, with a most christian Resolution, and assured Hope of a joyful Resurrection, departed this Life the 19th of September, 1615, in the 50th Year of his Age: the Lady Jane Gostwyke, his Widow, to perform her last Duty and Love to the sacred Memory of her dear Husband, at her own Cost and Charge, caused this Monument to be erected.

On

(a) Ex Inf. Dom. Will. Gostwick, Bar. (b) Ex Stemmate Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm. (c) Fuller's Worthies in Bedfordshire.

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On the ſouth ſide of the ſame tomb:

Ask who lies here, and do not weep,
He is not dead, he doth but ſleep;
This ſtony Regiſter is for his Bones,
His Fame is more perpetual than theſe Stones:
And his own Goodneſs with himſelf being gone,
Shall live when earthly Monuments are none.

Sir Edward Goſtwick, his eldeſt ſon, was knighted at Whitehall, anno 1607, and ſucceeded his father in the title and eſtate, and had ſepulture with his anceſtors; and to preſerve his memory, a fine monument is erected for him, which ſhews the images of a knight and his lady, kneeling, in niches in the wall, and underneath, the images of eight children, in the ſame poſture, and the following inſcriptions:

In Obitum Domini Edvardi Goſtwyke, Equitis & Baronetti. Chronogramma.

Edvardus Goſtwyke, defunctus eſt 20 Die Sept. A. D. 1630, Ætat. 42.

In Obitum ſelectiſſimæ Dominæ, Chronogramma.

Adproperatq; Viro conjungens Uxor amato,
6to Die Julii, A. D. 1633, Ætat. 42.

Epitaphion.

Eximium fidei Exemplum, & ſocialis Amoris,
Goſtwyki inſcriptum Nomine Marmor habet.
Vixerunt pietate pares, nulliſq; ſecundi,
Alter in alterius totus Amore fuit:
Ille prior fato ceſſit, ne cederet illa,
Nec tamen illa ſuo ceſſit Amore Viro.
Ille ubi ſex Annos numerarat terq; quaterq;
Anna, meos vixi, dixit, & occubuit:
Illa ubi complerat dilecti Conjugis Annos,
Vixi, Edvarde, meos, dixit, & occubuit.
Sic Animis vixere pares cum Conjuge Conjux;
Annis, atque Animis; occubuere pares.

This Sir Edward, by Anne, his wife, daughter of John Wentworth, of Goſfield, in com. Eſſex. Eſq; (and ſiſter to Sir John Wentworth, of the ſame place, Knt. and Bart.) had iſſue three ſons and five daughters, anſwering the figures in the aforeſaid monument; the ſons were, 1. Sir Edward, his ſucceſſor. 2. Thomas, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Mynheer Doriſlaus, ambaſſador from Holland to Oliver Cromwell, and died without iſſue. 3. William, who was born deaf and dumb; he was

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was of Cople, in com. Bedford. and dying 1696, was buried at Cople, and by Joane, daughter of Mr. Anthony Wharton, of St. Sepulchres, London; had three ſons, William, Edward, and William, who all died young; and two daughters, Mary, who died young, and Anne, married to Mr. Eames, of Northill, in Bedfordſhire. The daughters of Sir Edward, were, 1. Elizabeth, married to Francis Reading, of Willington, *(a)* 2. Mary, married, firſt, to William Spencer, of Cople, in Bedfordſhire, Eſq; and ſecondly, to Sir Clement Armiger, of Cople, Knt. 3. Frances, married to *(b)* James Mordaunt, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Henry, lord Mordaunt, of Turvey, uncle to Henry, earl of Peterborough. 4. Anne, married to —— Thorne; and 5. Jane, married to —— Oliver, of St. Neots, in com. Huntingdon.

Sir Edward Goſtwick, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Sir Edward, ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate; he was born deaf and dumb, and married Mary, daughter of Sir William Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. and had iſſue five ſons, and one daughter: Edward, died young, in the life-time of his father: Sir William, was his ſucceſſor: Charles, John, and Rowland, who all died umarried, and the daughter alſo.

Which Sir William Goſtwick, Bart. who ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, was elected in ſeveral parliaments, one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Bedford, viz. from the tenth of King William, to the twelfth year of her late majeſty Queen Anne; and having married Mary, daughter of Sir William Boteler, of Watton-Woodhall, in com. Hertf. knight of the Bath, had iſſue two ſons, and three daughters; John; William, who died an infant, as did alſo Elizabeth, and Mary; and Anne, married to Edward Nelthorpe, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir Goddard Nelthorpe, Bart.

John, the eldeſt ſon, died in the life-time of his father: he married Martha, daughter of Anthony Hammond, of Cambridge, Eſq; of the ſame family with thoſe of Somerſham, in com. Hunt. and left iſſue two ſons, and a daughter; Sir William, ſucceſſor to his grandfather, and John, who belongs to the cuſtoms, at Boſton, in Lincolnſhire, and married Mary, eldeſt daughter of Robert Bell, of Bedford, Eſq; and relict of —— Throckmorton, of Bucks, Eſq; by whom he has no iſſue.

Sir William Goſtwick, the preſent baronet, ſucceſſor to his grandfather in the title, is an officer in the Iriſh ſervice; and is as yet unmarried.

ARMS:

(a) Byſhe's Viſit. of Bedf. p. 15. p. 83. and Viſit. Leic. 1681, p. 128.

(b) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I.

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ARMS: Argent, a Bend, Gules, between ſix Corniſh Choughs, proper, on a Chief, Azure, three Mullets, Or.

CREST: On a Torce, a Griphon's Head coup'd, Or, between two Wings, Azure.

26. WRAY, of Glentworth, Lincolnſhire.

(Sir WILLIAM, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

SIR Chriſtopher Wray, Knt. lord chief-juſtice of England, father of Sir William, abovementioned, was the firſt of this family that reſided at Glentworth; but his anceſtors were anciently ſeated in the biſhoprick of Durham, and afterwards poſſeſſed eſtates in Richmondſhire, com. Ebor.

John Wray, of Richmond, by Alice, his wife, daughter of Thomas Clyburn, had iſſue, Richard, who, by his wife —— daughter of John Udall, had iſſue, Humphry Wray, who married a daughter of —— Warcop, and was ſucceeded in his eſtate by Robert, his ſon and heir, who, by his wife, a daughter of John Danby, had iſſue four ſons, William, Thomas, John, and Chriſtopher.

William, the eldeſt ſon, had to wife —— daughter and heir of —— Jackſon, of Snydall, in com. Ebor. (*a*) and had iſſue ſeveral ſons and daughters; four of the ſons, Chriſtopher, Richard, Thomas, and Leonard, lived to men's eſtate, and had poſterity.

Chriſtopher, the eldeſt, born in the ſpacious pariſh of Bedall, in Yorkſhire, and educated in Magdalen-college, Cambridge, was enter'd for the ſtudy of the law, at Lincoln's-Inn, and ſo profited thereby, that he rais'd a conſiderable fortune, and was, by Queen Elizabeth (who knew well the deſerts of her miniſters and ſervants) promoted to the high ſtation of chief-juſtice of England. He had ſerv'd for Burrowbridge, in Yorkſhire, in all the parliaments (*b*) called by Queen Mary: and being an eminent lawyer, and well vers'd in parliamentary proceedings, was choſen ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, in the next reign. 4 Eliz. he was elected autumn-reader (*c*) to the ſociety of Lincoln's-Inn, to which, perſons of great learning were always choſen. The year following, quad-reader of the ſame ſociety, and was again autumn-reader, 9 Eliz. in which year, on the 18th of June, he was called to

(*a*) See Viſit. of Linc. in off. arm. C. 23. p. 82, of the third part. (*b*) Ex Coll. B. Willis, Arm. (*c*) Dugd. Orig.

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to the degree of queen's ſerjeant at law, and ſoon after knighted, and the 14th of May, 14 Eliz. (*a*) promoted to be one of the juſtices of the common-pleas, and two years after, viz. the 8th of November, 16 Eliz. (*b*) was conſtituted lord chief-juſtice of the queen's-bench. He was an upright judge, for tho' he reſpected every man in his proper ſtation, when he was off the bench, when he was upon it, he had no ſuch regard for the greateſt of men, ſo as to biaſs his judgment (*c*). He ſat as lord privy-ſeal, and chief in the court (*d*), when ſecretary Daviſon was ſentenced in the ſtar-chamber: he, collecting the cenſures of all the commiſſioners, and concurred to fine him, but with this comfortable concluſion (*e*), 'That it was in the queen's power to 'have puniſhed him, ſo her highneſs might be prevailed with 'for mitigating or remitting of the fine:' and this our judge, may be preſumed, no ill inſtrument in the procuring thereof. 'Five particulars, I have heard (*f*) old men ſay, he was choice 'in: 1. his friend, which was always wiſe and equal: 2. his 'wife: 3. his book: 4. his ſecrets: 5. his expreſſion, and garb. 'By four things, he would ſay, an eſtate was kept; 1. by under-'ſtanding it: 2. by ſpending not until it comes: 3. by keeping 'old ſervants: 4. by a quarterly audit. He was mindful of what 'is paſt, obſervant of things preſent, and provident for things 'to come. No better inſtance whereof need be alledged, than 'his pathetick diſcourſes in the behalf of thoſe two great ſtays of 'this kingdom, huſbandry, and merchandize: for he had a clear 'diſcerning judgment, and that not only in points of law, which 'yet his arguments and deciſions in that profeſſion manifeſt without diſpute; but in matters of policy and government; as alſo 'in the little myſteries of private manage, to which, when you 'add his happy faculty of communicating himſelf, by a free and 'graceful elocution, to charm and command his audience, aſſiſted 'by the attractive dignity of his preſence, you will not admire 'that he managed his juſticeſhip with ſo much ſatisfaction to the 'court, and that he left it with ſo much applauſe from the country: for theſe two peculiarities he had, that none was more 'tender to the poor, or more civil in private; and yet none 'more ſtern to the rich, I mean, juſtices of the peace, officers, '&c. or more ſevere in publick. He delighted indeed to be 'loved, not reverenced: yet knew he well how to aſſert the dignity of his place and function, from the approaches of contempt.' He died May 8, 1592, after having ſat on that bench ſeventeen years, and filled it with notable ſufficiency: his piety, probity, and juſtice, rendering him rever'd by the greateſt men of that

(*a*) Pat. 14. Eliz. p. 10. (*b*) Pat. 16. Eliz. p. 9. (*c*) Magna Britannia, vol. VI. p. 607. (*d*) State Tryals, fo. vol. VII. p. 20. (*e*) Lloyd's ſtateſmen and favourites ſince the reformation, p. 389. (*f*) Ibid. p. 391.

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age, and his death generally lamented. Her majeſty, Queen Elizabeth, had ſo juſt a ſenſe of his merits and ſervices, that ſhe gave him the profits of her coinage, 'till he had built that noble houſe now remaining at Glentworth. He was indulgent to his ſervants, and charitable to the poor, as appears from his laſt will and teſtament, made the 30th of July, anno 1589, wherein he gives to the former, ſeveral annuities and legacies, and orders ſeveral ſums of money to be diſtributed to the latter, and enjoins his ſon, William, his heirs and aſſigns for ever, owners of his manor and lands of Glentworth, to find and maintain ſix poor perſons, of honeſt converſation and religion, in the alms-houſe, at Glentworth, [built by him] with ten-pence per week, a gown yearly, and three loads of aſh-wood, and three loads of turf, and that the ſaid poor people ſhould have their dinner every Sunday, in Glentworth-hall, if able to come thither, and a houſe kept, elſe every one a penny-loaf of bread. And if his ſon, his heirs, or aſſigns, make default of payment in form aforeſaid, he empowers the dean and chapter of Lincoln, to diſtrain yearly on the tenants, for the money, wood, &c. and alſo for three pound every month after ſuch default of payment.

He lived to a great age, had his perfect ſenſes the day he died, and made a codicil to his will, wherein he gave other legacies, and enumerates moſt of thoſe he had before bequeath'd: he appoints his ſon ſole executor, and the lord-treaſurer Burleigh, and ſollicitor-general Egerton, (after lord-chancellor) ſupervifors, and left both of them legacies. He lies buried in the chancel of the church of Glentworth, under a noble monument, whereon is the effigies, in full proportion, of a judge in his robes, with his lady by him, and this inſcription:

Capital. Juſticiar.
Quiſquis es (o hoſpes) Manes reverere ſepultos:
Qui jacet hic, noſtri Gloria Juris, erat
Chriſtopherus Wrajus, Re juſtus, Nomine verus;
Quique pia minuit, Cognitione, Fide.
En fuit: En non eſt: Rapidum rotat omnia Fatum
Heu moritur nobis: ipſe ſibi ſupereſt:
Terram Terra petit: Cinerem Civis; Ætheraque Æther;
Spiritus ætheri poſſidet Aſtra Poli.
Obiit Die Sept. Maii
Anno D. 1592,
Et Elizab.
Reg. 34.

He left iſſue, by Anne, his wife, daughter of Nicholas Girlington, of Normanby, in com. Ebor. Eſq; one ſon, William, and two daughters, Iſabel, married firſt, to Godfrey Foljamb, Eſq; ſecondly, to Sir William Bowes, Knt. thirdly, to John, lord Darcy;

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Darcy; and Frances, firſt married to Sir George St. Paul, of Snarford, Bart. and afterwards, to Robert Rich, earl of Warwick (*a*).

William, his only ſon, ſerv'd in parliament for Grimſby, in his father's life-time, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, and elected knight of the ſhire for the county of Lincoln, in the laſt parliament ſhe called; and by King James I. was created a baronet, 1612. He died the 13th of Auguſt, 1617, at Aſhby, in the county of Lincoln, (at which ſeat he chiefly reſided after his ſecond marriage, whereby he came poſſeſſed of ſeveral lordſhips, in Norfolk and Suffolk) and was buried in that church under a ſumptuous marble monument, the effigies of him and his ſecond lady, lying in full proportion thereon.

He had iſſue by his firſt wife, Lucy (*b*), eldeſt daughter of Sir Edward Montague, of Boughton, in com. Northton, Knt. (anceſtor to the dukes of Mountague and Mancheſter, the earls of Sandwich and Hallifax) ten ſons and five daughters. This lady Lucy Wray, lies buried in the north croſs, towards the chapter-houſe, in the cathedral of Lincoln, with this inſcription (*c*):

Unica Libertas Superis.
Gulielmi Wraii, præclari Militis Uxor,
Fæminei ſexus Splendor, virtutis imago
Illuſtris jacet hic, quæ nam ſua Lucia Divæ
Lucia quæ luxit terris, nunc lucet Olympo,
Libera mente canens divinos cælitus hymnos,
Quos modo dum vixit, tanquam captiva ſonabat,
Ac velut ad Patriam exilio revocata triumphat.

On the ſide of the tablet, before which ſhe kneeleth:

Here lieth Dame Lucy Wray, Daughter of Sir Edward Mountague, in the County of Northampton, Knt. late Wife of Sir William Wray, in the County of Lincoln, Knt. to whom ſhe bore fifteen Children, viz. ten Sons, and five Daughters, and died at Lincoln, the firſt of March, 1599.

Ad Lectorem Mæſtum.

(*a*) In Magna Britannia, in Lincolnſhire, vol. II. p. 1453, the author ſpeaking of Glentworth, ſays, 'The native place of that pious and charitable gentlewoman, Mrs. 'Frances Wray, daughter of Sir Chriſtopher, lord chief-juſtice of the king's-bench; ſhe 'was firſt married to Sir George St. Paul, of this county, and then to Robert Rich, firſt 'earl of Warwick, of that ſurname. She was a perſon of a ſhining converſation, and e-'mineat bounty, of which, tho' we have not a particular account, yet we can't but name 'one inſtead of all, which is, that ſhe was a great benefactreſs to Magdalen-college, in 'Cambridge, which her father had before her much improv'd, by not only compleating 'the buildings, but adding three fellowſhips, and ſix ſcholarſhips. She died in the be-'ginning of King Charles IId's reign. In vol. VI. p. 608. he ſays, ſhe founded in Mag-'dalen-college, one fellowſhip, and a ſcholarſhip, and intended to have laid out 300l. in 'enlarging the buildings of that college, had not one Hammerton, an old ſervant, deceived 'her; ſhe was alſo a great benefactreſs to the pariſh of Bedall, but in what particulars we 'are not inform'd.' (*b*) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 189. and Viſit. of Northton. by St. George, p. 9. (*c*) Browne Willis's ſurvey of Cathedrals, vol. II. p. 12.

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A globe with a naked man upon it:
Fragilis Caro Carcer.

Upon the freeze under the cushion whereon she kneels;
Tu miser hanc desles misero religatus in Orbe;
Unica Libertas Superis, fragilis Caro Carcer.

Sir William, had by his second wife, Frances, relict of Sir Nicholas Clifford, and daughter to Sir William Drury, of Hawsted, in com. Suff. Knt. lord-deputy of Ireland, and coheir to her brother, Sir Robert Drury, of the same place, Knt. two sons, Sir Christopher, hereafter mentioned, and Charles, who died in Spain, also a daughter, Frances, wife of Sir Anthony Irby, of Boston, in com. Linc. Knt. Of the sons of the first marriage, only Sir John, and Edward, survived to men's estate; the latter was groom of the bedchamber to King Charles I. and married Elizabeth, sole daughter and heir of Francis, earl of Berkshire, and baron Norris, of Rycot, in com. Oxon. but having no male-issue, only one daughter, Bridget, his sole heir, who married first (*a*), Edward Sackvil, Esq; second son of Edward, earl of Dorset, by whom she had no issue; and secondly, Mountague Bertie, earl of Lindsey; James Bertie, Esq; (eldest son by the said marriage) had the title of baron Norris allowed him, by descent from his mother, at the restoration of King Charles II. and was afterwards created earl of Abingdon, and ancestor to the present earl.

Sir John, (eldest son of Sir William Wray, by his first lady) was knighted in the life-time of his father, and succeeded to the title, and the estate at Glentworth: he serv'd as knight of the shire for Lincoln, in three several parliaments (*b*), called by King Charles I. and by Griffil (*c*), daughter and heir of Sir Hugh Bethell, of Ellerton, in com. Ebor. Knt. had issue five sons, and three daughters; Sir John, Christopher, Theophilus, William, and Bethell; Frances, who married John Hotham, Esq; son and heir of Sir John Hotham, of Scorburgh, in com. Ebor. Bart. Griffil, the wife of Anthony Thorold, of Marston, in com. Linc. Esq; and Theodosia, wedded to Sir Richard Barker, Knt.

Sir John Wray, (eldest son of the last Sir John) married, first, Elizabeth (*d*), daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, of Risley, in com. Derb. Bart. and widow of Sir Simon D'Ewes, of Stow-hall, in Suffolk, Bart. and she deceasing without issue, he took to his second wife, Sarah, daughter of Sir John Evelyn, of West-Dean, in com. Wilts, Knt. (who surviving him, remarried to Thomas, viscount Fanshaw, and afterwards, to George, viscount Castleton) by whom he had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who was his heir,

(*a*) In Collins's Peerage, vol. I. p. 267.
(*b*) Ex Coll. B. Willis, Arm.
(*c*) Sir W. Dugdale's Visit. of Yorkshire, fo. 104. B.
(*d*) Ibid. of Derb. p. 28.

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heir, and married the hon. Nicholas Saunderſon, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon of Sir George Saunderſon, Bart. lord viſcount Caſtleton, of the kingdom of Ireland) who had iſſue by her Wray Saunderſon, who married Mary, eldeſt daughrer of the earl of Rockingham, and died without children; Elizabeth, his mother, ſurviving, who was poſſeſſed of the Glentworth eſtate on the death of her father, Sir John Wray, Bart. all his brothers dying without iſſue, ſo that the male line of the firſt marriage of Sir William (the firſt created to the title of baronet) being extinguiſh'd, the ſaid dignity deſcended to the heirs of the ſaid Sir William, by his ſecond wife, Frances, daughter of Sir William Drury, Knt. and,

Having already mentioned that Sir Chriſtopher was the only ſurviving ſon of the ſaid marriage, all that I ſhall farther obſerve of him, is, that by ſettlement of his father, he was poſſeſſed of the eſtate at Aſhby (*a*), in com. Lincoln. and was likewiſe denominated of Barlings, in the ſaid county. He received the honour of knighthood from King James, ſerv'd in ſeveral parliaments, and by his wife Albina, ſecond daughter and coheir to Edward Cecil, viſcount Wimbleton, third ſon of the earl of Exeter, had iſſue four ſons, Sir William, Edward, Sir Drury, and Cecil, who married the daughter of —— Creſſy, of Brigſley, in com. Linc. Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, William, and one daughter who died unmarried: William, his only ſon, married Iſabella, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Ullithorne, of Slemingford, in the county of York, Eſq; by whom he had iſſue three ſons; Sir John, hereafter mention'd; William, and Cecil, and four daughters.

Sir William Wray, of Aſhby, the eldeſt ſon, born about the year 1625, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, June 27, 1660, in the twelfth year of King Charles II. at which time he ſerv'd in parliament for Grimſby, and departing this life, 1670, had iſſue by his wife, Olympia, daughter to Sir Humphrey Tufton, Knt. and Bart. (a younger ſon to John, earl of Thanet) ſix daughters, that became his coheirs; 1. Margaret, married to the reverend Dr. Jeffries, prebendary of Canterbury, brother to the lord-chancellor Jeffries: 2. Tufton, married to Sir James Montague, Knt. lord chief-baron of the exchequer, (and brother to Charles, late earl of Halliſax:) 3. Drury, married to Sir William Sanderſon, of Combe, in Greenwich, Bart. uſher of the black rod: 4. ——, married to —— Lewis, and two that died unmarried: and four ſons, Sir Chriſtopher, Edward, William, and Drury, who all died without iſſue.

Sir Chriſtopher, the eldeſt, ſucceeded his father in the title and eſtate; and on the death of his couſin, Sir John Wray, of Glentworth, ſucceeded in that baronetſhip; but dying without iſſue, the patent his father received from King Charles II. became ex-

(*a*) Viſit. of Linc. C. 23. fo. 82, 83.

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tinct; and the title by the first patent, descended to his cousin, Sir Baptist-Edward Wray, son of Edward, (second son of Sir Christopher Wray, Knt. beforementioned) by his wife, Dorothy, daughter and heir of Hannibal Horsley, of the isle of Wight, Esq; and widow of the honourable —— Fane, Esq;

Which Sir Baptist-Edward Wray, died likewise without issue; whereupon, the title came to his uncle, Sir Drury Wray, third son of Sir Christopher, eldest son (by the second venter) of the first Sir William Wray, Bart. beforementioned.

Which Sir Drury Wray, Bart. was born in Lincolnshire, July 29, 1633, and became possessed of a fair estate of inheritance in Ireland, by marriage with Anne, daughter and heir of Thomas Casey, of Rathcannon, in the county of Limerick, Esq; (by his wife Bridget, daughter and coheir of Sir John Dowdall, Knt.) he had issue by her three sons; Sir Christopher, William, (who died in the life-time of his father) and Sir Cecil, with several daughters. Sir Drury, died the 30th of October, 1710, and was buried in the church of Clonara, in com. Limeric.

Sir Christopher, his eldest son, succeeded to the title and estate, as also to his mother's estate in Ireland. He was in arms for his majesty King William, at the battle of the Boyne, and other actions in that kingdom; and afterwards serv'd in the wars in Flanders, Spain, and Portugal, in the reign of Queen Anne, being lieutenant-colonel in general Farrington's regiment, and eminently distinguished himself at the head of his regiment, at the attack of Ostend. In the year 1710, he was preparing to go again for Spain, and being at Portsmouth to embark with the fleet, died there, unmarried, Nov. 21, 1710, and was interr'd in the church of that town. He was a sober, discreet gentleman, and had behav'd himself with great conduct and bravery in all the actions wherein he was concerned; which, together with a gentleman-like behaviour, won him the regard of his superiors, and the esteem of all that knew him. Upon his death, the title and estate devolv'd on Sir Cecil, his only brother.

Which Sir Cecil Wray, Bart. was a captain in the same regiment with his brother, and serv'd in Flanders, Spain, and Portugal, and high sheriff of Lincolnshire, 1720. Lady Elizabeth Saunderson, beforementioned, (who died at York, April 7, 1714) having left him a considerable estate in the counties of Norfolk and Yorkshire, being part of the ancient inheritance of the Wray's, of Glentworth. He married Mary, daughter of Edward Harrison, of Morely, in the county of Antrim, in Ireland, Esq; (by Johanna, his wife, daughter of the right reverend Dr. Jeremiah Taylor, bishop of Drummore, Downe and Connor, in that kingdom) by whom he had no issue; and dying, May, 1736, was succeeded in the title, and part of the estate, by his cousin,

Sir

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Sir John Wray, Bart. eldeſt ſon of William, the only ſon of Cecil, the fourth ſon of Sir Chriſtopher Wray, Bart. by Albina, daughter and coheir of Edward, lord viſcount Wimbleton, before mentioned.

Which Sir John Wray, the preſent baronet, married Frances, daughter of Fairfax Norcliffe, of Langton, in the eaſt-riding of Yorkſhire, Eſq; by whom he hath iſſue, now living, Cecil, John, Mary, Iſabella, and Frances.

ARMS: Azure, on a Chief, Or, three Martlets, Gules.
CREST: On a Wreath, an Oſtrich, Or.
MOTTO: *Et juſte et vray*,
SEATS: At *Helgay-Woodhall*, in *Norfolk*; and *Sleningford*, in the Weſt-riding of *Yorkſhire*.

27. AYLOFFE, of Braxted-Magna, Eſſex.

(Sir WILLIAM, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THE ancient ſeat and habitation of this family, [which is of Saxon extraction,] was at Bocton-Aloph *(a)*, near Wye, in the county of Kent, of which town they were poſſeſſed, in the reign of Henry III. and which place, as Mr. Philipot obſerves *(b)*, 'had that appellative diſtinction united to its name, to intimate 'to us, that in the Saxons time, it owned the juriſdiction of one 'Alulphus, a Saxon.' From this Alulphus, deſcended —— Aliff *(c)*, a perſon of great note, and portreave of London, in the time of Edward, the confeſſor. And, that it was a family in Kent, appears from Mr. Weaver's funeral monuments, who cites this old epitaph, in Milton-church *(d)*:

Thomas Aylefe, Eſquir, and Margaret hys Wyff
Ly undir this playn Ston,
God grant hem evirlaſtyng Lyff,
To whom we hop thar gon.
He dyed as her ys to be ſine,
One thowſand five hundryd thirty-nine
Who ſo that for ther Sowles will pray,
God give hem meede at Doomyſday.

About the reign of King Henry VI. John Ayloff *(e)*, was ſeated at Hornchurch, in the county of Eſſex, and by Anne, his wife, daughter to Thomas Weſt, Eſq; had iſſue, Thomas Ayloff, of the ſame place, and of Sudbury, in Suffolk, a man of great fame,

(a) Ex ſtemmate hujus familiæ penes Dom. Joſ. Ayloffe, Bar. *(b)* Vill. Cant. p. 85. *(c)* Ex litteris patentibus Edw. Confeſ. in Turre London. *(d)* Weaver's Monuments, p. 282. *(e)* Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.

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fame, and large poſſeſſions, in the counties of Eſſex, and Suffolk, living temp. Ed. IV. *(a)* who had iſſue by Agnes, his wife, daughter to William Birch, (by Alice, his wife, daughter to Roger Grice, of Norfolk,) a ſon, William, and a daughter, Agnes, married to Sir John Bruges, lord-mayor of London, 13 Henry VIII. and by whom, ſhe had Anthony Bruges, from whom the barons of Chandos, are deſcended, and Winifred Bruges, married to Sir Richard Sackville, of Buckhurſt, father of Sir Thomas Sackville, baron Buckhurſt, and earl of Dorſet *(b)*.

William Ayloff, who ſucceeded in the eſtate, had his ſepulture under the altar, in Hornchurch, with this inſcription to preſerve his memory:

'Off your Charitie py for the Soule of Willm
'Ayloffe, Gentylman, Owner of the Mannor of
'Brytenſſe yn the Cownty of Eſſex, within the
'Lordſhippe of Havering of the Bower, and alſo
'Owner of Grete-Brakſted, with diverſſe other to
'him belonging. Which Willm, weddyd Au-
'dery, daughter to Sir John Shawe, Knight and
'Alderman of London, and had iij Children by the
'ſaid Audery, Willm, Thomas, and Agnes, which
'deceſſid the xth day of Auguſt, the yer of our
'Lord God MVCXVIJ. the ix yeare of the Rayn
'of King Henry the viij. and lyeth buried under this
'Ston. On whoſe Soule, and all Chriſten Soules,
'Ihu have Mercy; and for your Charitie ſay a
'Fater Noſter and Aue. *(c)*

Thomas *(d)*, the youngeſt of the two ſons mentioned in the ſaid inſcription, was a merchant, free of the company of barber-ſurgeons, in London; and when Bridge-ward was finiſh'd, 4 Ed. VI. the firſt elected alderman of it: he was afterwards knighted, and died 1 and 2 Philip and Mary *(e)*, ſeiz'd of the manor of Nether-Chiſul, alias, Little-Chiſul, in com. Suff. with the advowſon of the church.

He lies buried in the chancel of St. Michael-Baſſiſhaw church, where the following inſcription, (on a marble tomb,) was placed over him *(f)*:

In Chirurgery brought up in youth,
A Knight here lieth dead;
A Knight, and eke a Surgeon ſuch,
As England ſeld hath bred.

For

(a) Ex ſtem. præd. *(b)* Ex ſtemmate familiæ penes Dom. Joſ. Ayloffe, Bar. *(c)* Taken from the original braſs, now in the poſſeſſion of Sir Joſ. Ayloffe, Bart. this braſs was, by ſome of Oliver's ſoldiers taken from the monument, and by them ſold to a perſon, who had been a ſervant in Sir William Ayloffe's family, who, after the reſtoration, return'd the braſs. *(d)* On his monument in Baſſiſhaw-church, he is called, John. *(e)* Eſch. 1, 2 Phil. & Mary. *(f)* Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. book 3, p. 67. and Maitland's Survey of London, p. 464.

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For which ſo ſoveraigne Gift of God,
Wherein he did excell,
King Henry VIIIth call'd him to Court,
Who lov'd him dearly well.
God gave the gift, the King gave Goods,
The Gift of God t'enhance;
Where God and ſuch a Prince do joyne,
Such Man hath happy Chance.
King Edward, for his ſervice ſake,
Bade him riſe up a Knight,
A Name of Praiſe, and ever ſince,
He Sir John Ailife hight,
Right worſhipful, in Name and Charge,
In London liv'd he than;
In Blackwell-hall, the Merchant chiefe,
Firſt Sheriffe, then Alderman.
The Hoſpitals bewaile his death,
The Orphan Children mone,
Their chief Erector being dead,
And Benefactor gone.
Dame Iſabell, who liv'd with him
His faithful Wife and Make
With him (as deareſt after death)
Doth not her Knight forſake.
The Knight, the 24th of October (*a*),
Yeelded up his Breath:
And ſhe ſoone after followed,
To live with him in Death.

He left William, his ſon and heir, by his wife Elizabeth, (or Iſabel) daughter of Thomas, and ſiſter of Sir Edward Walſingham, Knt. who had iſſue, a ſon of his own name, William Ayloff, Eſq; who was brought up to the ſtudy of the law, in Lincoln's-Inn, and elected to the degree of a ſerjeant (*b*), in Michaelmas term, 19 Eliz.

William Ayloff, Eſq; eldeſt brother to the aforeſaid Sir Thomas (or John,) ſucceeded to the lordſhips of Brittons, Great-Braxted, &c. was high ſheriff of Eſſex and Hertfordſhire (*c*), 6 Eliz. and left iſſue, by Agnes, his wife, daughter to Sir Thomas Bernardiſton, of Ketton, in com. Suffolk, Knt. (by Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Lucas, of Colcheſter, in Eſſex, Knt.) William, his ſon and heir.

Which William, was high ſheriff of the county of Eſſex, 36 Eliz. and made one of the judges of the king's-bench, 20 Eliz. and having married Jane, daughter to Euſtace Sulyard, of Flemings, in com. Suff. Eſq; had iſſue three ſons; 1. William: 2. Thomas, who married Mary Guicciardine, of the family of the Guic-

(*a*) 1548. (*b*) Dugdale's Chron. Series, p. 95. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies in Eſſex.

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Guicciardines, of Florence, and was father to Guicciardine Ayloff, ſecretary of the dutchy of Lancaſter: 3. George, who died without iſſue; and one daughter, Margaret, wife to Edmund Broom, Eſq; of Oxfordſhire.

Sir William Ayloffe, Knt. (eldeſt ſon and heir of the laſt William,) ſucceeded to the eſtate, and reſiding at Braxted-Magna, was knighted by King James I. at the charter-houſe, with many more, on his firſt arrival at London, and was afterwards advanced by the ſaid king, to the degree of a baronet, 1612. He married three wives; firſt, Catherine, daughter and coheir to John Sterne, of Melburne, in Cambridgeſhire, Eſq; and had iſſue by her, three ſons, and four daughters; Mary, wife of Sir Anthony Thomas, of Cobham (*a*), in Surry, Knt. Elizabeth, wife of Gervaſe Lee, of Norwell, in com. Nott. Eſq; Anne, who died S. P. and Jane, wedded to Edward Kighley, of Grays, in Eſſex, Eſq; Of the ſons, William, the eldeſt, died in the life-time of his father, in the Weſt-Indies. Sir Benjamin, ſecond ſon, ſucceeded in the title and eſtate. James, third ſon, had his mother's eſtate, at Melburne, in Cambridgeſhire (*b*): and from his firſt wife, Jane, daughter to Sir William Herris, of Shenfield, in com. Eſſex. Knt. deſcended William Ayloff, of Baſingburn, in com. Cantab. Eſq; and by his ſecond wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Tho. Penyſton, of Rocheſter, Eſq; Thomas Ayloff, doctor of the civil laws, deceaſed.

Sir William Ayloffe, Bart. by his ſecond wife, Barbara, daughter and heir of Thomas Sexton, had two ſons that lived to man's eſtate; 1. Thomas, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; who had in marriage, Elizabeth, daughter to Edward Wentworth, of Bocking, in Eſſex, Eſq; and was father to Benjamin Ayloff, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; who married Victoria, daughter to Alexander Ereſkin, Eſq; ſon to John, earl of Mar, in Scotland. John, ſecond ſon, was a colonel in the Weſt-Indies, and died, leaving no children.

Sir William, by Alice, his third wife, daughter of —— Stokes, had iſſue a ſon, Joſeph, who was alſo of Gray's-Inn, and married Frances, daughter of Henry Ayſcough, of Yorkſhire, Eſq; and left iſſue, firſt, Joſ. Ayloffe, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; barriſter at law; ſecond, William; and five daughters, Alice, Barbara, Anne, Margaret, and Mary.

Sir Benjamin Ayloffe, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Sir William, was eminent for his loyalty to King Charles I. who appointed him high ſheriff of the county of Eſſex, on the commencement of the civil war, as a perſon in whom he could confide, and Sir Benjamin, faithfully diſcharged the truſt repoſed in him, by endeavouring with all his intereſt, to hinder the effects of the ordinance of par-

(*a*) Sir E. Byſhe's Viſit. of Surry, p. 356. (*b*) Sir Hen. St. George's Viſit. of Camb.

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parliament, for ſettling the militia in that county; but being overpowered by the prevalent party, he was impriſoned in the Tower, had his eſtate ſequeſter'd, and was afterwards ſent to Yarmouth, with many more, to be baniſhed to the plantations in the Weſt-Indies; but that cruel order being recall'd, he had the ſatisfaction, after many hardſhips, to ſee the reſtoration of the royal family, and ſerv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the ſhire for Eſſex, in the firſt parliament after the king returned. He departed this life about the year 1663, having (as his father) married three wives; by Alice, the firſt wife, daughter of —— Archdale, Eſq; and likewiſe by the laſt, Margaret, daughter of —— Porter, Eſq; he had no iſſue that ſurviv'd: by Margaret, his ſecond lady, daughter of Thomas Fanſhaw, Eſq; remembrancer of the exchequer, and ſiſter to Sir Henry Fanſhaw, Knt. father of Thomas, viſcount Fanſhaw, of Ware-park, in the county of Hertford, he had one daughter, Catherine, wife of Thomas Hardwick, of Leeds, in com. Ebor. Eſq; and three ſons; 1. Sir William; 2. Sir Benjamin; 3. Henry, who had to wife, Dorothy, daughter and heir of Richard Bulkeley, of Chedle, in com. Ceſtr. Eſq; and was father to Sir John Ayloffe, of Stanford-Rivers, in Eſſex, the laſt baronet.

Sir William, the eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Benjamin, embark'd with his father in the ſervice of King Charles I. and was colonel of a regiment in Colcheſter, when it was beſieged and ſurrendred. He married Anne, daughter to Peter Orbye, of Burton-Pedwarden, in com. Linc. and Chertſey, in Surry, Eſq; and relict of Frederick de la Tremoville, count de Lavall and Benon, baron de Moleon and Didon, in the kingdom of France, brother to the duke of Tremoville, who bore him two ſons; Benjamin, who died an infant, and William, who deceaſed at the age of eighteen years, A. D. 1664, in the life-time of his father, who departed this life, in the year 1675, whereupon the title deſcended to Sir Benjamin, his brother and heir.

Which Sir Benjamin Ayloffe, Bart. was an eminent merchant of the city of London, and having married Martha, daughter to Sir John Tyrrel, of Heron, in Eſſex, Knt. had one ſon, John, who died about the age of twenty, unmarried; and two daughters, Margaret, married to the reverend Mr. Jenks, miniſter of St. Dunſtan's, in the Weſt, London, and Martha, the wife of Mr. John Preſton, of London, merchant. This Sir Benjamin, died March 5, 1722, being ſucceeded by his nephew,

Sir John Ayloffe, of Stanford-Rivers, in Eſſex, Bart. ſon of Henry, (younger brother of Sir Benjamin,) by Dorothy, daughter of Richard Bulkeley, of Chedle, in Cheſhire, Eſq; and died December 10, 1730, unmarried, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by,

Sir

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Sir Joſeph Ayloffe, Bart. (*a*) ſon and heir of the laſt Joſeph Ayloffe, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; barriſter at law, (by Mary, daughter of Bryan Ayliffe, citizen and merchant of London,) and great grandſon of Sir William Ayloffe, Bart. by Alice, his third lady.

Which Sir Joſeph Ayloffe, the preſent baronet, married Margaret, daughter and ſole heir of Thomas Railton, of Carliſle, in the county of Cumberland, Eſq; and hath iſſue one ſon, named Joſeph.

ARMS: Sable, a Lion rampant, Or, between three Croſſes, Forme of the ſecond.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Lion, rampant, Or.

MOTTO: *Vive ut vivas.*

SEAT: At *Acton*, in the county of *Middleſex*.

28. ENGLEFIELD, of Wotton-Baſſet, Wiltſhire.

(FRANCIS, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THIS very ancient family, according to Camden (*b*), ſurnamed from the town of Engleſield, or Englesfeld, in Berkſhire, are ſaid to be poſſeſſed thereof, in the ſecond year of the reign of King Egbert, 264 years before the Norman conqueſt, in the year of the Lord 803; at which time was an oratory, as appears by a terrier of the land belonging to the ſame, where it is called *Cantaria de Englefeld*. This family has been always reputed of Saxon extraction, as indeed, the ancient writing of the name, De Engelfelt, and their being fix'd at Engleſeld, aforeſaid, in the Saxons time, ſeem to indicate: the writing thereof has varied, according to the variations in our ſpellings, and is found in the ancient records of the family, Engelſelt, Inglefeld, Englefyeld, Englefield, &c.

In ſeveral pedigrees, Haſculfus de Englefyld, is firſt mentioned, as lord of Englefyld (*c*), about the time of King Canutus (*d*), and alſo in the fourth year of Harold I. or Harefoot, and in the reign of Hardicnute, and died in the days of St. Edward the confeſſor. This Haſculf, purchaſed an hide of land, in Englefeld, of Haſculf de Pinkeny, to which deed, Hely Englefeld, ſon to another Haſculf Englefeld, was a witneſs.

Guy,

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Joſ. Ayloffe, Bar. (*b*) See Camden's Britannia. (*c*) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, de Bocking, Ar. & Viſit. Com. Berks, &c. (*d*) Philipot, in his Villare Cantium, p. 126. ſays, the manor of Mortimers, in the pariſh of Cowling, in Kent, went from the Mortimers, to the Inglefields, a noble family, in Berkſhire, deſcended from Haſculfus de Inglefield, who flouriſhed about the latter end of King Canutus, and for this he quotes, *ex veteri rotulo familiæ de Inglefield*. And here, (ſays he,) in this name did the title ſettle, till about the latter end of Henry VII. and then it was alienated to John Sidley, Eſq; auditor to that prince.

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Guy, (ſon and heir of Haſculf,) lived temp. William I. and was father to Hely de Engleſeld, temp. Will. II. who had iſſue two ſons, William, and Peter; the former gave the parſonage of Engleſeld, to the abby of Reading; Joſeph, then abbot, in the reign of King Henry I. as appears by his deed, ſans date, ſealed with the ſeal of the ſaid William; which recites, that he gave the ſaid parſonage to the ſaid Joſeph, and the convent there, and their ſucceſſors, in conſideration that his anceſtors, in time paſt, had done ſo, long before his days.

This gift of the church of Engleſeld, ſoon after is mentioned in a charter of King Henry II. wherein he confirms the ſeveral donations to the abbot of Reading, but without notice of the donor's name (*a*).

This William, had three ſons; Sir William, who died without iſſue; Sir Alan Engleſeld, and Thomas.

William, (ſon and heir to Sir Alan,) is commemorated temp. Rich. I. and was father to John Engleſeld, of Engleſeld, who had iſſue, Sir William Engleſeld, whom I take to be the ſame perſon mentioned with Geffry de Leuknors, in an inquiſition to enquire about lands, given by King John, to Margery de Lacy, to found the priory of Acornbury (*b*), in com. Hertf. and by the name of William de Engleſeld, is recorded as one of the juſtices itinerant for the counties of Suſſex, Southampton, and Wilts, anno 1255, 39 Henry III. and for Norfolk, and Suffolk, 41 Hen. III. 1257, and 46 Henry III. 1262, for Bedford, Eſſex, Hertford, and Kent; and 47 Henry III. 1263, for Southampton, and Wilts (*c*).

Sir John de Engleſeld, was his ſon and heir, and died 4 Ed. I. he was alſo lord of Shiplake, Aſcott, &c. whoſe ſon, Sir William, died in France, in the reign of King Edward I. having had iſſue, Sir Roger Engleſeld, Andrew, and William.

Sir Roger, aforeſaid, was returned one of the knights for Berkſhire, in the parliament held 6 Edward II. (*d*) and dying 36 Ed. III. left, by Joan, his wife, a daughter, Alice, married to Mortely, and two ſons, Sir Philip, and William.

Sir Philip, as eldeſt ſon, enjoy'd the ancient inheritance, and died 3 Richard II. but from Joan, his wife, proceeded three ſons; 1. Sir John; 2. Philip, of whom hereafter; and 3. Nicholas Engleſeld, of Ricot, in com. Oxon. Eſq; comptroller of the houſhold to King Richard II. who married Jane, daughter and heir of John Clark, of Lanynton-Gernon, and died April 1, 1415, as appears by his epitaph, in Aſhdon-church, in Eſſex (*e*):

Here

(*a*) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 418. (*b*) Ibid. vol. II. p. 330. (*c*) Origin. juriſd. Chron. ſcr. de cod. ann. (*d*) Pryun's Regiſter, p. 443. (*e*) Weever's Mon. p. 660.

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Here lyth Nicholas Inglefield, Eſquyr, ſometime Controler of the Houſ to King Rychard II. who died the firſt of April, in the Yere of Graſe, M.cccc.xv. whos Soul, Jeſu perdon. Amen, Amen, Amen.

Which Nicholas, left only two daughters and coheirs, Cicely, married to William Fowler, and Sibil, to Richard Quatermains, with whom the eſtate of Ricot, aforeſaid, paſſed to the Quatermains, and with them, to the Bertie's, now earls of Abingdon.

Sir John Englefeld, aforeſaid, ſerv'd in parliament as knight of the ſhire for Berks (*a*), 21 of King Richard II. He had poſterity to the third generation; but then the line expiring without iſſue male, the eſtate came to the deſcendants of his brother,

Philip, who, by Alice, daughter and heir of Walter Roſſale, ſiſter and heir to (*b*) Sir John Roſſale, Knt. had the iſle of Roſſel, Udlington, Eton, and Yeagden, in com. Salop, and had iſſue a daughter, Philippe, married to Edward Brudenel, of Ayno, in com. Northton, Eſq; anceſtor to the earls of Cardigan; and two ſons, Philip Englefeld, Eſq; and Robert, of whom hereafter; Philip, the eldeſt ſon, was high ſheriff of Berkſhire (*c*), 8 Henry VI. and lies buried in the ſouth iſle, near the entrance into Englefield-church, where is a grave-ſtone, and fixed to it a plate of braſs, and thereon the figure of a man, drawn in a gown, and under him an inſcription, as follows (*d*):

Hic jacet
Philippus Englefeld, Armig.
Dominus de Englefeld,
Qui obiit ix die Julii, Anno Dom.
MCCCCXXXIX.
Cujus Anime propicietur Deus,
Amen.

'Tis preſumed he died unmarried, or without iſſue; for his brother, Robert, ſucceeded him in the lordſhip of Englefeld, and died 13 Edward IV. John, his eldeſt ſon, died in his life-time, leaving iſſue, by Joan, daughter to John Milborn, of London, one ſon, Thomas, heir to his grandfather: this John, lies buried in Englefeld-church, where, on a marble grave-ſtone, laid higher in the ſaid iſle, is the portraiture of a man, cut in braſs, habited in a gown, with a pouch at his ſide, and holding up his hands in the poſture of praying; at his feet, this epitaph, in old black characters (*e*):

Hic

(*a*) Prynn's parl. regiſt. p. 443. (*b*) See the partition of Sir John Roſſale's lands, between Eleanor, martied to Sir Nicholas Dagworth, and Alice, married to Philip de Englefeld, Dorſ. Clauſ. 4 Hen. V. N. 19. & Clauſ. 9 Hen. IV. M. 11. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 75. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies in Berks. (*d*) Aſhmole's Berks, vol. I. p. 16. (*e*) Ibid. p. 17.

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Hic jacet Johannes Englefeld, Filius &
Hæres Roberti Englefeld, generoſi, qui obiit
xxvi. Die Feb, Anno Dom. MCCCCLXIV.
Cujus Anime propicietur Deus. Amen.

Which Thomas, aforementioned, received, with many more, the honour of knighthood (*a*), on the marriage of prince Arthur, ſon to Henry VII. having, anno 1496, been elected ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, and was made judge or juſtice of Cheſter (*b*), Aug. 20, 19 Henry VII. which he held till his death, and was ſpeaker of the firſt parliament called by King Henry VIII. He had ſepulture on the north ſide of the chancel of the church of Englefield, under a fair grey marble monument (*c*), at the head of which, in plates of braſs, is the portraiture of a knight, kneeling, in compleat armour, over which, is a ſurcoat of his arms (*d*). Behind him are the figures of five ſons, kneeling, his wife was alſo kneeling oppoſite, before another faldſtool, but the braſs is now torn away, and out of his mouth proceeds this ſcrole, *O bone Jeſu, tu noviſti, & potes & vis bonum animabus noſtris; nos nec novimus, nec poſſumus.* Out of hers, in a like ſcrole, *Tu, pro pietate tua ineffabili, nobiſcum diſpones, ſecundum quod noveris tibi velle, & nobis prodeſſe.* What remain'd of that epitaph, as it was taken by Mr. Aſhmole, in 1665, was,

Here lyeth ſure Thomas Englefilde,——
Margery his Wyffe, the whych ſure——
The 3d day of April, the yere of our —v & xiiii
On whos Soules Jheſu have————

i. e. 1514, (about the 6th Henry VIII.) in which year, the chapel on the north ſide of the church was built, as appears by an inſcription in the north window.

The aforeſaid Margery, was daughter to Sir Richard Danvers, of Preſcot, Knt. and of his ſons, I find, Richard, died without iſſue-male; and Thomas, ſucceeded to the inheritance; and of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Robert White; Joan, to Henry Lenham; Anne, to William Delabere, and Margaret, to John Lyngen, Eſqrs.

Thomas Englefeld, eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir, underwent the office of high ſheriff of Berkſhire, and Oxfordſhire, 11 Hen. VIII. and having been educated at the Middle-Temple, was, the next year, autumnal reader, and the year after, called to the dignity of the coif (*e*), by the King's letters patent, dated (Decemb.

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(*a*) Nom. Milit. in Bibl. Cotton. (*b*) Thomas Englefield, Miles, was judge of Cheſter, uno comitatu apud Ceſtriam, hâc vice tantum: tenendum in omnibus quæ ad officium pertinent, prout habuit in tempore quo fuit locum tenens Thomæ comitis Derbiæ, 20 Auguſti, 19 Hen. VII. Sir Peter Leycester's antiquities of Cheſhire, p. 176. (*c*) Ex Mon. de com. Berks. in Bibl. Aſhm. dorſ. 853. (*d*) Aſhmole's antiq. Berks, vol. I. p. 7. (*e*) Origin. juridic.

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3, 15 Hen. VIII.) at Hampton-court (*a*). He had 100l. per ann. granted him for life, and three years after was conſtituted one of the juſtices of the common-pleas. He was knighted, and departed this life, 1537, as a memorial (on the right ſide of the eaſt window, on the wall in the church of Engleſield,) on braſs plates, evidences; containing the figures of him and his lady, kneeling at a faldſtool; he, in his judicial robes; ſhe, in a ſurcoat of her arms, and both kneeling, with three ſons behind him, and nine daughters behind her. Out of the judge's mouth, the following ſcrole (*b*); *Benedic anima mea, Domino, & omnia, que infra me ſunt, nomini ſancto ejus. Benedic anima mea, Domino, & noli obliviſci omnes retributiones ejus.* Out of her mouth, *O beata, benedicta, & glorioſa Trinitas, Pater, & Filius, & Spiritus ſanctus: Tibi laus, tibi gloria, tibi gratiarum actio.*

Above the figure, is the quarter'd arms of the family, and under them this inſcription (*c*):

Here lyeth
Sir Thomas Englefyld, Knt.
Son and Heir to
Sir Thomas Englefyld, Knt.
Hereby lying,
And one of the King's Juſtices
Of the Comyn Place; and Dame Elizabeth, hys Wyffe: the
Whych Sir Thomas, deceſſyd
The xxviii. day of September,
In the Yeare of our Lord God,
MCCCCCXXXVII.
On whoſ Soule,
And all Chryſten Soulles,
Jheſu have Mercy, Amen.

The ſaid Elizabeth, was daughter to Sir Robert Throckmorton, of Coughton, in com. Warw. Knt. who bore him three ſons; Sir Francis; John, hereafter mentioned; and Thomas; and nine daughters; of which, Anne, married Humphry Coningſby, Eſq; anceſtor to the earls of Coningſby; Suſan, to Humphry Burdet, Eſq; and Margaret, firſt, to George Carew, Eſq; ſecondly, to Sir Edward Saunders, Knt. (*d*), lord chief-baron of the exchequer, temp. Eliz.

Sir Francis the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded to the inheritance, and purchaſed Erdington (*e*), in com. Warw. he was high ſheriff of the counties of Berkſhire, and Oxfordſhire, at the death of Henry VIII. and the firſt year of Edward VI. and was knighted 22 Feb. of the ſame year: he was one of the chief officers in the princeſs Mary's

(*a*) Sir Peter Leiceſter, in his antiquities of Cheſhire, p. 176. puts this Quere, If there were not Thomas Engleſie'd's father and ſon, who ſucceeded one another; the ſon from 6 Hen. VIII. (*b*) Aſhmole's antiq. of Berks, vol. I. p. 10. (*c*) Ibid. p. 11. (*d*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 75. Mr. Bridges, in his Northamptonſhire, p. 31. makes her daughter of Sir Francis, which I take to be a miſtake. (*e*) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 891.

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Mary's family; and was one of thoſe ſent for by the protector, and council, to forbid them hearing or ſaying maſs in the princeſs's houſe (*a*); but refuſing to deliver ſuch orders, and ſubmitting rather to any puniſhment, he, together with Sir Robert Rocheſter, Sir —— Walgrave, and Dr. Francis Mallet, her chaplain, were committed for many months to priſon.—Upon Queen Mary's acceſſion to the crown, he was, in conſideration of his faithful ſervices, made one of her privy-council, and maſter of the wards, and had the manor and park of Fulbrook (*b*), in the county of Warwick, granted to him, to hold *in capite*, being part of the lands forfeited by the attainder of John Dudley, duke of Northumberland. He was likewiſe knight of the ſhire for the county of Berks (*c*), in every parliament held by Queen Mary; but on Queen Elizabeth's acceſſion to the throne, he being extremely attach'd to his religion, and the intereſt of Mary, Queen of Scots, did, with the lord Morley, Sir Thomas Gage, Sir Thomas Shelley, and others, leave the kingdom, and retire beyond ſea (*d*), where continuing to be a moſt induſtrious agent, to ſollicit the cauſe of the Queen of Scots, both to his holineſs, and the catholick King (*e*), he incurr'd the Queen's diſpleaſure, and tho' he quitted the realm with her licence, he was, in 6 Eliz. indicted in the King's-bench for treaſon, committed at Nemures, *in partibus tranſmarinis*, and outlaw'd, and afterwards was attainted and convicted of high treaſon, at the parliament 29 Oct. 28 Eliz. and all his manors, lands, and vaſt poſſeſſions, &c. were declared forfeited to the Queen (*f*); but the ſaid Sir Francis, having by indenture of the 18th of Eliz. ſettled his manor and eſtate of Englefield, on Francis, his nephew, with power notwithſtanding, of revoking his grant, if he, during his natural life, ſhould deliver or tender to his nephew a gold ring, with intent to make void the uſes of his ſaid ſettlement, various diſputes and points of law aroſe, whether the ſaid manor and eſtate of Englefield, were forfeited to the Queen; for which, we beg leave to refer our readers to Englefield's caſe at large, in Sir Edward Coke's Reports (*g*), and ſhall only obſerve, that after various arguings, the caſe not being clear, the Queen, in the next parliament, ſcil. 35 Eliz. had a ſpecial act of parliament to confirm the attainder, and eſtabliſh the forfeiture of his manors, lands, &c. to her, her heirs, and aſſigns; enacting, that the Queen ſhould take the advantage of revocating an aſſurance, with a condition made by him upon the tender of a ring of gold to his nephew, &c. (*h*) and the Queen, in conſequence, tendering by R. Broughton, and H. Bouchier, the ring to Engle-

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(*a*) See the princeſs Mary's letter, in Fox, Stripe's Animadverſions, Goodwin's Ann. Heylin's Reformation, &c. (*b*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 670. (*c*) Not. Parl. (*d*) Camden's Eliz. (*e*) Fuller's Worthies in com. Berks. (*f*) See Englefield's Caſe at large, in Coke's Reports, p. vii. fo. 11. (*g*) Ibid. (*h*) See the ſaid caſe, and the Statutes at large, vol. II. p. 290.

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field, the nephew, ſeiz'd on and confiſcated the ſaid manors and eſtate, and many other poſſeſſions. By this act of power, the manor and eſtate of Englefeld, which had now been upwards of 780 years in the family, were taken from the ſame, and forfeited to the crown. Sir Francis, retired to Valladolid, in Spain, where he was a bountiful benefactor to the Engliſh college (*a*), and being worn out with perſecution and years, died, and was buried there, about 1592, where his grave is ſhewn with reſpect to Engliſh travellers going thither. He married Catherine, daughter and heir of Sir Thomas Fettiplace, of Compton-Beauchamp, in the vale of Berks; but dying without iſſue, the family was continued by his brother, John Englefeld, lord of Wotton-Baſſet, in Wiltſhire, who had iſſue one ſon, named Francis, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawſworth, in com. Ceſt. Knt. lord-preſident of Connaught, in Ireland, and Mary, his wife, daughter of Sir Guiſcard Harbottle, of Horton, Knt. and Jane, his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Willoughby, of Riſley, in com. Derb. Knt. For this John Englefeld, Eſq; in the north wall of the chapel of Englefield, is a braſs plate faſten'd, and thereon is inſculp'd the portraiture of a man in armour, with his wife lying by him, and at the bottom, this inſcription (*b*):

Here lyeth buried
John Englefield, Eſq;
Second Son to Sir Thomas Englefield, Knt.
Who had to Wife,
Margaret Fitton, daughter to
Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawſworth,
By whom he had
One only Child, named Francis,
Yet living;
Who married Jane, eldeſt Siſter
To Anthony, now Viſcount Mountague,
And had iſſue by her
Four ſons, and one Daughter.
The ſaid Margaret, after ſhe had lived a
Widow 38 Years, cauſed this Monument
To be made, in the Year 1605,
In Remembrance of her ſaid Huſband, who
Died the firſt Day of April. 1567.

And on a white marble, fixed in a black marble grave-ſtone, under the ſaid plate, in the wall, is this inſcribed (*c*):

Here lyeth buried
John Englefield, Eſq;
And
Margaret, his Wife,

Whoſe

(*a*) Fuller's Worthies, and Church Hiſtory. (*b*) Aſhmole's Berks, vol. I. p. 12.
(*c*) Ibid. p. 13.

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Whoſe Monument is in the North Side of
This Chapel; which Margaret, died
The 29th of Auguſt, 1612.

Francis Englefield, Eſq; only ſon aforeſaid, was of Wotton-Baſſet, in com. Wilts, (of which place his father was alſo nominated,) as well as Englefield, in Berkſhire.

In the tenth year of King James, he was advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He married Jane (*a*), daughter of Anthony Browne, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Anthony, lord viſcount Mountague, by whom he had ten children, ſeven ſons, and three daughters; 1. Thomas, who married Mary, daughter of William Wollaſcot, of Shenfield, in com. Berks, Eſq; but died before his father, without iſſue. 2. Sir Francis, his ſucceſſor. 3. Sir Thomas, ſucceſſor to his nephew. 4. John, who died before his father, unmarried. 5. Anthony, of White-Knights, near Reading, who married Suſan, daughter of —— Ryley, of Oxford, Eſq: ſhe died June 2, 1664, and lies buried in the middle of the north chancel of Sunning-church, in Berks, with this inſcription over her (*b*):

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Hic jacet Corpus
Suſannæ, Uxoris Antonii
Englefield, de White
Knights, Armigeri, quæ obiit
Secund. die Junii
A. D. 1664.
Ætatis vero ſuæ 65.
Requieſcat in Pace,
Amen.

Her huſband died about 1665, leaving iſſue, Anthony, his ſon and heir, anceſtor to the preſent baronet, of whom hereafter. The ſixth ſon of Sir Francis Englefield, Bart. was William, who left a daughter and heir, married to —— Fettiplace, Eſq; and died April 27, 1662, and lies buried in Englefield-church, in Berks, where, upon a marble grave-ſtone, is this inſcription (*c*):

Dominus Gulielmus Englefield,
Domini Franciſci Englefield,
Equitis & Baronetti, & Dominæ Johannæ Browne,
Filius quartus,
Mortalitatis ſuæ exuvias
Uſque ad Dei Judicis adventum
Hic depoſuit.
Priſtinæ Religionis, Fidei in
Regem, Amoris in Patriam, Pius
Et conſtans Obſervator.
Maritus Conjugem, Parens Filiam
Unicam,

(*a*) Viſit. of Berks, by Aſhmole, p. 19. (*b*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 102.
(*c*) Ibid. p. 89.

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Unicam, ſed non ſolam,
(Quippe quam Dominus Fetiplace,
Matrimonio antea conjunxerat,)
Germanos, Fratres, omneſque
Natos & familiares mœrere
Reliquit,
Anno Salutis reparatæ, 1662, 17 Aprilis,
Ætatis 53.
Conjugii ——
Viator
Manibus ejus
Bene præcare, Salutis
Non
Immemor
Tuæ,
Vive & Vale.

And 7. Henry, who had three wives; firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of —— Pickford, of Cornwall, by whom he had no iſſue; ſecondly, Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Walter Blount, of Sodington, in Worceſterſhire, Bart. by whom he had, Henry, who died unmarried, and three daughters, Elizabeth, married to Sir William Kennedy, of Ireland; Mary (*a*) to Thomas Havers, of Thelton, in Norfolk, Eſq; and Catherine; and to his third wife, he married Anne, daughter to John Huband, of Ipſley, in com. Warw. Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue. Of the three daughters of Sir Francis, Dorothy, married Sir Edward Morgan, of Llanternam, in Monmouthſhire, Bart. Mary, to Chriſtopher, lord Teynham; and Margaret, who had two huſbands, firſt, Hatton Berners, of Whittlebury, in com. Northton, Eſq; and ſecondly, Sir William Bradſhaigh, Knt. a younger ſon of the family of Bradſhaigh, of Haigh, in com. Lanc.

Sir Francis, the father of theſe children, lived till 1631, as appears by a beautiful mouument in the north chapel of Englefield-church, againſt the north wall, adorn'd with the portraitures of a knight in armour, and his lady, both kneeling at a deſk; behind him kneel four ſons, and behind her, one daughter, in praying poſtures; on the ſide of the deſk, the arms of Englefield, impaling Browne. Under the ſaid marble monument, on a ſtone, is a braſs plate, thus engraved:

Here lyeth interr'd
The Body of Sir Francis Englefield, Baronet,
(Only Child of John Englefield, Eſq; and Margaret,
His Wife,) who married Jane, eldeſt Daughter to
Anthony Browne,
Eldeſt Son of Anthony, Viſcount Mountague,

By

(*a*) Blomfield's Norf. vol. I. p. 100.

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By whom he had iſſue ten Children, viz.
Thomas, Dorothy, Francis, Thomas, John,
Anthony, William, Mary, Margaret,
And Henry; of which,
Thomas, the elder, Dorothy, and John,
Died before their Father.
He dyed
The 26th of Octob.
Anno Dom. 1631,
Being 69 Years, 3 Months, and 27 Days old.

Sir Francis Engleſield, Bart. eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Francis, ſucceeded his father in the title and eſtate: he received the honour of knighthood from King James I. at Eaſt-Hamſted, Aug. 10, 1622, and in his behalf, I meet with this indemnifying (*a*) letter of King Charles I.

CHARLES REX.

WHEREAS our truſty and well-beloved Sir Francis Engleſield, knight and baronet, being a recuſant, is thereby ſubject to our laws and ſtatutes in that caſe provided: theſe are to ſignify our royal will and pleaſure, that no perſon or perſons ſhall, at any time hereafter, ſue, proſecute, or implead, either by way of indictment, information, or otherwiſe, againſt the ſaid Sir Francis, for being a recuſant, or convicted by virtue of any of our laws or ſtatutes againſt popiſh recuſants, 'till we ſhall ſignify our pleaſure to the contrary. Given under our ſignet, at our palace of Weſtminſter, Decemb. the 6th, in the 10th year of our reign.

He married Winifrid, daughter and coheir to William Brookſby, of Sholeby, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Sir Francis, his ſucceſſor, and three daughters; Helen, married to Sir Charles Waldgrave, Bart. father of the firſt lord Waldgrave, and great grandfather to the preſent earl; Mary, to Sir George Browne, knight of the Bath; and Catherine (*b*), the wife of William Turvile, of Aſton-Flamvile, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; he died in May, 1665, and lies buried in Engleſield-church, in Berkſhire, under the north-eaſt window of a chapel, ſituate on the north ſide of the chancel, with this inſcription (*c*):

Here lieth the Body of Sir Francis Engleſield, Bar.
He was buried in May, 1665, in the grave where
formerly Sir Edward Norris had been interred.

(*a*) Bibliotheca Regia, p. 255. (*b*) Viſit. Leiceſt. p. 87. (*c*) Aſhmole's Antiq. Berks, vol. I. p. 15.

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Sir Francis, his ſon and ſucceſſor, married Honora (a), daughter of Henry O Bryan, earl of Thomond, of Ireland, by whom he had no iſſue; his lady ſurviving him, remarried to Sir Robert Howard, Knt. ſixth ſon of Thomas, the firſt earl of Berkſhire: whereupon the title and eſtate went to his uncle, Sir Thomas Engleſield, Bart. ſecond ſurviving ſon of Sir Francis Engleſield, the firſt baronet.

Which Sir Thomas, married two wives; firſt, Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Winchcomb, of Bucklebury, in Berks, Bart. by whom he had no iſſue: ſecondly, Mary, daughter of George Huntley, of ——, in com. Gloceſt. Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Sir Charles, his ſucceſſor, and three daughters; 1. Anne, who died unmarried, 1678. 2. Philadelphia, married to Henry Foſſan, Gent. and died S. P. 3. Elizabeth, married to ——

Sir Charles Engleſield, Bart. who ſucceeded his father, married Suſan, natural daughter to John, lord Culpeper, by Mrs. Suſan Willis, (and own'd by lord Culpeper, as one of his children,) by whom he had a ſon, Thomas, and a daughter, Charlotte, which both died young: Sir Charles, dying, April, 1728, was buried in Engleſield-church, aforeſaid, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his couſin, Sir Henry Engleſield, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Henry Engleſield, of White-Knights, Eſq; ſon of Anthony, who was ſon of Anthony, fifth ſon of Sir Francis Engleſield, the firſt baronet, and Jane, his wife, daughter of Anthony Browne, viſcount Montague, before mentioned.

Which Anthony Engleſield, Eſq; (ſon and heir of Anthony, fifth ſon of Sir Francis,) by Alice, his wife, daughter of Thomas Stokes, of London, Eſq; had iſſue ſeventeen children, viz. ten ſons, and ſeven daughters; of which, Martha, married Lyſter Blount, of Mapledurham, in the county of Oxon, Eſq; Elizabeth, to William Dorrington, ſon of Sir John Dorrington, of Suſſex, Knt. and Mary, to Sir William Swinburne, of Capheaton, in com. Northumberland, Bart. father of the preſent Sir John; the others were either nuns, or died unmarried. The ten ſons died all unmarried, except Henry, the fourth ſon, who ſucceeded to his father's eſtate, and was of White-Knights, aforeſaid, and married Catherine, daughter of Benjamin Poole, of London, Eſq; (who ſurviving him, has ſince married Edward Webb, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq;) by whom he had iſſue nine children, three ſons and ſix daughters; Sir Henry, of whom hereafter; Charles, and Francis, both living, and unmarried: of the ſix daughters, Catherine, died young; Tereſa, Martha, Mary, Elizabeth, and Anne, are living; of which, Mary, is married to Francis Smith Carrington, of Wotton-

(a) Collins's Peerage, vol. IV. p. 58.

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Wotton-hall, in the county of Warwick, Eſq; the others are all unmarried.

Which Sir Henry Englefield, the preſent baronet, is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Barry of ſix, Gules, and Argent, on a Chief, Or, a Lion paſſant, Azure.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Arm coup'd at the Elbow, veſted per pale, Azure and Gules, holding a Branch, proper.

The other Creſt of the family is, a Spread Eagle, in Pale, Azure, and Gules, which latter, is likewiſe on the tomb-ſtones, in Englefield church.

SEAT: At *White-Knights*, near *Reading*, in *Berkſhire*.

29. HOLTE, of Aſton, juxta Birmingham, Warwickſhire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 25, 1612.

THE ancient deeds and writings of this family being deſtroy'd, when Aſton-houſe was plundered, in the time of the rebellion, 1641. The firſt that I can diſcover (*a*), is Sir Henry Holte, father to Sir Hugh Holte, who married Matilda, daughter to Sir Henry de Erdington, baron of Erdington, (by Joan, his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas de Wolvey,) and had iſſue by her a ſon, John Atte-Holte, and died, leaving her a widow, anno 16, Ed. II. (*b*)

John, his ſon, had to wife, Alice de Caſtello, or Caſtell, daughter, and at length ſole heir to Sir George de Caſtell, deſcended from the Caſtells, ancient lords of Withibroke, in the county of Warwick; and, by a female anceſtor from Reginald de Aſſeles, lord of Nechels: and, anno 4 Edw. III. Alice, (then widow of Sir George, neice and heir to Aliva, one

(*a*) Ex Stem. penes Car. Holte, Bar. (*b*) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 871.

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one of the coheirs to Simon de Aſſeles,) in conſideration of 40 pounds, paſſed away all her inheritance in the manor, unto Simon del Holte, of Birmingham, and his heirs; which eſtate is ſtill in the family.

This Simon del Holte, was ſon of John, aforeſaid; and, by his wife, Albreda de Bermingham, (a daughter of a noble and eminent houſe, progenitor to the earls of Louth, in Ireland,) had iſſue two ſons, John, and Walter.

John Atte-Holte, called Senior, in reſpect of his ſon, was living 21 Edward III. and had alſo two ſons, John, and Walter, who died S. P. The firſt of which, purchaſed the manor of Dudſton, 38 Edward III. (*a*) for forty marks, of John de Grimeſarwe. And Maud de Grimeſarwe, (40 Edward III.) conveyed the manor of Aſton, to the ſaid John Atte-Holte, (denominated of Bermingham,) as her charter, dated at Aſton, on the Sunday next before the feaſt of St. Agapite, the martyr, teſtifies (*b*).

This John Holte, having had in marriage, Eleanor, daughter and coheir of William Durvaſſal, of Spernall (*c*), died childleſs, whereupon, Walter Holte, his uncle, ſucceeded in the eſtate.

Which Walter, anno 49 Edward III. and 1 Richard II. underwent the office of eſcheator to the King, for the counties of Warwick, and Leiceſter, a ſervice, in thoſe times, of great truſt, and wherein, none but perſons of noted worth and quality, were employ'd (*d*). In the latter of which years, he was the principal commiſſioner aſſigned in that county of Warwick, for levying and collecting a fifteenth and tenth, then granted to the King in parliament; and, by a feoffment to one William Whetele, and other perſons in truſt, he ſettled the manor of Aſton, to the uſe of himſelf, and Margery, his wife, (daughter of Sir William Bagot, of Bagington, Knt.) as alſo to his own right heirs: and departing this life, left iſſue three ſons, John, Simon, and William: his wife, Margery, ſurviving, who, the better to ſecure her eſtate, enfeoft John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, Sir William Bagot, of Bagington, and other perſons of quality therein (*e*).

John, the eldeſt ſon, was ſtil'd of Yardley, and had iſſue, Audomar Holte, his ſon and heir, who was diſpoſſeſſed of Aſton, by his uncle, William Holte, who having great favour and countenance

(*a*) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 881. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Ibid.

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nance from King Henry IV. got a grant of the ſaid eſtate for life, in the firſt year of his reign, in conſideration of his good ſervices done, and to be done, as the words of the patent import, obtained a grant of it from the ſaid king, for life, in 1 Henry IV. who challeng'd a legal title thereto, as ſon and heir to John, duke of Lancaſter, abovementioned, one of the feoffees unto the before recited Margery, in which patent, the king calls him, *Dilectus armiger noſter*; whence I gueſs (*a*), that he was his ſervant before he attained the crown.

Notwithſtanding the aforeſaid grant, Sir William Bagot, another truſtee, ſet on foot his title to Aſton manor, 5 Henry IV. and, in concluſion, there was a reference betwixt them, made to Edward, duke of York, and Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, to whoſe arbitration they bound themſelves to ſubmit, in 200l. bonds a-piece; the particulars of the award, Sir William Dugdale (who mentions it) had not ſeen, but, by what afterwards appears, it is evident, ſays Sir William Dugdale (*b*), that the ſaid William Holte, kept the poſſeſſion thereof. For, 14 Hen. VI. he releaſed unto John Ward, of Little-Bromwych, and John Shyngler, (as feoffees) all his right therein; and the next year, for the better corroborating his title, Audomare, his nephew, (who in truth was the right heir) releaſed to him his right and claim, and died without iſſue.

This William Holte, anno 12 Henry VI. was one of the chief perſons in Warwickſhire, choſen to make oath for performance of divers articles, concluded in the parliament then held, having the ſtile of William Holte, de Aſton, Armiger; but, for aught appears, the eſtate he had granted by King Henry IV. was only for term of life; ſo that he inheritance reſting in the crown, occaſioned John Holte, his nephew (ſon to his brother Simon) in 19 Henry VI. to procure a patent thereof, with all the liberties and privileges thereto belonging, (and therein particularly expreſſed) for himſelf and his heirs, to be held of the chief lord of the fee, and not of the king in capite.

This John (ſon and heir of Simon Holte, by Matilda, his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Collyng, of Bruge-North, in com. Salop, Eſq;) being ſo veſted in the manor of Aſton, as aforeſaid: taking likewiſe notice of a certain act of re-aſſumption, made in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, 29 Henry VI. exhibited his petition to the king, that the ſame act might not be prejudicial to him, nor unto Margaret, his wife, nor the heirs or aſſigns of the ſaid John, in reſpect of the ſaid patent, conſidering that it had been duly recover'd (as the ſaid petition alledged) according to due courſe of law, before the juſtices of the common-pleas, in the tenth year of the ſaid king's reign, by the ſaid Aymer Holte, couſin and

(*a*) Dugd. War. ibid. (*b*) Ibid. p. 872.

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and heir to the before ſpecify'd Walter, againſt William Holte, Eſq; then tenant thereof, by virtue of certain letters-patent to him made, which petition was accordingly granted (*a*).

Of this John Holte, I farther find, that he was conſtituted eſcheator of Warwick and Leiceſterſhire, anno 16 Henry VI. and became afterwards an eſquier of the body to the ſame king; who, in recompence of his fidelity and diligence, made him ranger of Sutton chaſe for life. The words of which patent (*b*) being memorable, I ſhall inſert them: 'Rex, &c. Sciatis quod de gratia 'noſtra ſpeciali, ac conſideratione diutini & continui ſervitii quod hu-'milis ſervitor noſter, Joh. Holte, armiger, de hoſpitio noſtro, nobis 'impendit, & impendere proponit in futuro, conceſſimus ei officium 'de Riderſhip, infra chaceam de Sutton, in com. noſtro de Warwici, 'quod per rebellionem Richardi nuper comitis Warwici vacat, & de 'dono noſtro exiſtit. Habendum & occupandum dictum officium 'præfato Johanni ſeu deputato ſuo ſufficienti, pro termino vitæ ſuæ, 'cum omnimodis vadiis, feodis, &c. ab antiquo debitis, &c. teſte 'rege apud Coventre, xxiii Maii.

He left iſſue, by Margery, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Delabere, of Kynardſley, in com. Heref. Knt. a daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Rudgeley, of Wigington, and one ſon,

William Holte, Eſq; who married Margaret, daughter of William Cumberford, of Cumberford, in com. Staff. Eſq; and had a numerous iſſue; and left a ſon of his own name, William, who ſucceeded to the eſtate.

Which William Holte, Eſq; lies buried in the north iſle of the church, at Aſton, under a curious marble monument, whereon his effigies, cut out in ſculpture, lies in armour, under a ſurcoat, his hands conjoin'd and erect, his head reſting on a helmet for pillow, and at his feet a lion couchant: round the monument, on the ſides, in the ſeveral areas, or inter-columns, are angels crown'd, and veſted in long robes, exhibiting before their breaſts ſhields, containing the arms of Holt, impaling the arms of Knight; and ſingle, the arms of Delabere, Cumberford, &c. the inſcription round the verge, is (*c*),

'Of your Charitie, pray for the Soule of William
'Holte, Eſquyre, ſometime lord of this Towne, and
'Joane, his Wife. Which William, died the
'xxviii September, the Yeare of howre Lord,
'MCCCXXIII.

But the date of the year is either miſtaken, or imperfect (*d*), thro' time. His wife was daughter of Adam Knight, of Shrewſbury,

(*a*) Dugdale, ibid. (*b*) Pat. 38, Hen. VI. p. 2. M. 13. (*c*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 879. (*d*) Sir William Dugdale, in Holte's pedigree, vol. II. p. 871, makes him die 28 Sep. 6 Hen. V.

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bury, Eſq; and he had iſſue by her ſeven daughters; Margaret, married to Stanley; Anne, to Piers; Elizabeth, to Weſton; Margery, to Nicholls; Ellen, to Petman; Frances, to Forſter; Winifrid, to Thomas Fiſher: alſo four ſons, Thomas, Mark, John, and Nicholas.

Thomas Holte, the eldeſt ſon and heir, who was a learned lawyer, and juſtice of North-Wales, temp. Henry VIII. (*a*) as alſo in commiſſion for the peace in his county, the greateſt part of that king's reign; and alſo in commiſſion for the taking the ſurrender of religious houſes in that county. He wedded Margery, eldeſt of the ſeven daughters and coheirs to William Willington, of Barcheſton, in com. Warw. Eſq; (a wealthy merchant of the ſtaple) who ſurviving him, afterwards became the wife of Sir Ambroſe Cave, Knt. (*b*) chancellor of the dutchy of Lancaſter, temp. Eliz.

The ſaid Thomas, was buried with his anceſtors, at Aſton, under a proſtrate ſtone, whereon are the portraitures of himſelf, and his wife; and a ſhield of arms over their heads, viz. Holte, impaling Willington; and, in the middle part, the following tetraſtick (*c*):

'Thomas Holte here lyeth in Grave:
'Ihu, for thy Paſſion,
'Of him have thou Compaſſion,
'And his Soul doe ſave.

Below the ichnographical figures of their ſons, and two daughters, round the whole, (in a border, having at the four angles, quadrangulated circles, figur'd with the ſymbols of the four evangeliſts, viz. a cherub, lyon, bull, and eagle) is this inſcription:

'Of your Charitie, pray for the Sooles of Thomas
'Holte, Eſquier, late Juſtice of North-Wales, and
'Lord of this Town of Aſton, and Margaret, his
'Wife: which Thomas, deceaſed the xxiii Daye
'of Marche, Anno Dom. MCCCCCXLV. whooſe
'Sooles God pardon.

Edward Holte, (ſon and heir of the ſaid Thomas) had his education with Sir John St. Leger, (then of Weoly-caſtle, in com. Wigorn.) as by his father's will appears (*d*), and was conſtituted one of the juſtices of peace for Warwickſhire, 14 Eliz. and in the twenty-fifth of that reign (*e*), high ſheriff of that county. He had ſepulture with his anceſtors, in the pariſh-church of Aſton; a curious mural monument being erected to his memory, with this memorial, in Roman capitals;

'Here

(*a*) Dugd. War. vol. II. p. 872. (*b*) See Cave's account, vol. II. (*c*) Dugd. Ibid. p. 879. (*d*) Ibid. (*e*) Fuller's worthies in War. tho' Dugdale in his liſt of ſheriffs of Warwickſhire, makes it 26 Eliz.

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'Here lyeth buried, Edward Holte, Eſquier, and 'Dorothy, his Wife: Edward, was Lord of this 'Town, andPatron of this Church and Vicaredge: 'he was alſo lord of Duddeſton and Nechels, —— 'and other Lands within this pariſh. Who died 'about Candlemas, being about the age of one and 'fifty Years, in the xxxv Year of the reigne of 'Queen Elizabeth, and in the Yeare of our Saviour 'Chriſt, 1592.

By Dorothy, daughter of John Ferrers, of Tamworth-caſtle, Eſq; (by Dorothy, his wife (*a*), daughter of Francis Cokayne, of Aſhborne, in com. Derb. Eſq; and Dorothy, his wife, daughter of Thomas Marrow, Eſq; ſerjeant at law) he had three ſons, Thomas, Francis, and Robert; and ſeven daughters; Anne, wife to Edward Weſt; Lucy, to John Hugford; Catherine, to Humphrey Wyrley; Mary, to George Smyth, ſon of George Smyth, of Wotton, in com. Warw. Eſqrs. Dorothy, Margaret, and Frances, who all died S. P.

Thomas Holte, the eldeſt ſon, who was of full age at the death of his father, was high ſheriff of the county of Warwick (*b*), 41 Eliz. and received the honour of knighthood (18 April, 1603) from King James I. at Grimſton, in com. Ebor. when he arrived there from Scotland, in his way to London, to take poſſeſſion of the crown of England; and was afterwards farther advanced by that prince, to the dignity of a baronet, 25 Nov. in the tenth year of his reign. He was a gentleman well read in moſt parts of learning, and vers'd in ſeveral languages; was highly eſteemed in his country by men of all conditions, being of an even temper, truly juſt, charitable, and exemplary in his life and converſation: having amply increaſed his eſtate, which received a very large acceſſion by his firſt marriage; he encloſed the park, began the ſtructure (in April, 1618) of that ancient and noble houſe now remaining at Aſton Stocklands, which, (Sir William Dugdale ſays) (*c*), for beauty and ſtate, much exceeds any in thoſe parts: he was nominated by his majeſty K. Charles I. (*d*) to go embaſſador into Spain, but by reaſon of his great age, he got himſelf excuſed: upon the breaking out of the civil wars, he heartily aſſiſted the king with his purſe; but being very old, and of a quiet diſpoſition, ſtaid at his own ſeat, without following the camp, and had the honour of a viſit from the king, who lay at his houſe two nights, about ſix days before the battle of Edge-hill: his affections to the royal cauſe being viſible; and his ſon actually in the ſervice, the rebels plunder'd his houſe, impriſoned

(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 87. (*b*) Fuller's Worthies in Warwickſhire, tho' Dugdale in his liſt of ſheriffs of Warwickſhire, makes it 42 Eliz. (*c*) Ibid. ut ante. (*d*) Dugdale, Ibid.

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priſoned him, decimated his eſtate, and forced ſuch contributions, that the damage he ſuſtain'd was computed at 20000l. (a) He died in the eighty-third year of his age, A. D. 1654, having by his laſt will and teſtament, aſſigned 300l. for the building an hoſpital at Aſton, for five men and five women, appointing a rent-charge out of his manor of Erdington, of 88l. per annum for their ſupport: and over the door of the alms-houſe, are the arms of Holte, with this inſcription (b):

This Alms-houſe was (by the Charity of Sir Thomas Holte, late of this Town and County, Knight and Baronet, deceaſed) provided for and appointed to be built, and was, in order thereto, accordingly erected, by his Grandſon and Heir, Sir Robert Holte, Baronet, in the Year of our Lord God, 1655, and 1656.
Laus Deo.

This Sir Thomas, lies buried in Aſton-church, where, on a large marble monument, fixed to the eaſt wall of the north iſle, is this inſcription:

H. S. E.
Thomas Holte, Eques & Baronettus,
Quibus Titulis a Jacobo I°.
Ob Patriæ Amorem, Vitæ Integritatem,
Morum Candorem, erga Principem Fidem,
Erga Pauperes Liberalitatem, erga omnes Juſtitiam
Inſignitus eſt.
Flagrante Bello Civili
E re ſua familiari bis confiſcata, & decima parte ſemel proſcripta
Quicquid reliquit Fanatica Rabies
Caroli Imi. (cui Edvardus filius a Cubiculis fuit)
Incarceratus licet, in Subſidium contulit.
Tandem verò Ædes Aſtonianas nobili Magnificentia extruxit;
Nec tamen Egenis defuit,
Quibus Hoſpitium pari Munificentia Vicinum condidit,
Eximia ingentis Animi Monumenta,
Cujus Memoriæ alterum hoc Monumentum
Non Supervacaneum cenſuit
Carolus Holte, Baronettus, Pronepos.
Duas habuit Uxores, Gratiam, Gul. Brad-
Bourne, de Hough, in Agro Derbienſi, Arm.
Filiam & Cohæredem; ex qua Quindenam
Suſcepit Sobolem,
Sed nullam Superſtitem præter Gratiam, Rich.
Shukburgh de Shukburgh, in Agro
Warwicenſi Militis Uxorem;
Annam Edv. Littleton, de Pillaton,
In Agro Staffordienſi, Baronetti, Filiam,

Quam

(a) Ex inform. Dom. Cur. Holte, Bar. (b) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 873.

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Quam ſine prole reliquit Viduam,
Ætatis ſuæ 83.
Obiit Anno Sal. Hum. MDCLIV.

On this monument are the Holte's arms with quarterings.

He married two wives, firſt, Grace, one of the daughters and coheirs to William Bradburne, of Hough, in com. Derb. Eſq; and ſecondly, Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Littleton, of Pillaton-hall, in com. Staff. Bart. but by her had no iſſue. By his firſt lady, he had fifteen children; moſt of which lived to men and women's eſtate. Of his daughters, Anne, married Walter Gifford, of Chillington, in com. Staff. Eſq; Catherine, was wife of —— Roper, and Grace, of Sir Richard Shuckburgh, of Shuckborough, in com. Warw. Knt. but of the ſons, no iſſue ſurviv'd, except from,

Edward, his eldeſt ſon, who was one of the grooms of the bedchamber to King Charles I. and attending him during the rebellion; and was, with other his majeſty's friends, in Oxford, when it was beſieged; but falling ill of a fever, died before the ſurrender thereof, and lies buried in Chriſt-church, leaving iſſue, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Dr. John King, biſhop of London, Sir Robert, ſucceſſor to his grandfather, and John, who died unmarried: alſo three daughters; Grace, wedded to George Hampſon, Eſq; (a younger ſon of Sir Thomas Hampſon, of Taplow, in com. Bucks, Bart.) 2. Elizabeth, firſt married to —— Duncomb, of Surry, Eſq; and afterwards, to —— Richbell, of London, merchant; and 3. Catherine (*a*), wife of Sir Edward Nevill, of Grove, in com. Nott. Knt.

Sir Robert Holte, Bart. (grandſon and heir to Sir Thomas) did his beſt endeavours for the reſtoration of the royal line, and for his known loyalty (*b*), was appointed high ſheriff of Warwickſhire, the firſt year after the return of King Charles; and the year following, was elected knight for that county, in parliament (*c*).

He married, firſt, Jane, daughter of Sir William Brereton, of Brereton, in Cheſhire, Knt. and ſiſter to William, lord Brereton, of the kingdom of Ireland, who died in child-bed of her only ſon, Sir Charles, his ſucceſſor; and after her deceaſe, taking to wife, Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Smith, of Hough, in com. Ceſtr. Knt. had eight children, whereof only one ſon, Robert, ſurviv'd. Sir Robert died, 3 Oct. 1679, and was interr'd by his firſt wife, in the parochial church of St. Clements-Danes, Middleſex. Sir Charles, his only ſon by the firſt venter, ſucceeded him in title and eſtate.

Which

(*a*) Thoroton, in his Nottinghamſhire, p. 401 and 402, makes her the relict of —— Kiderminſter. (*b*) Ex infor. Dom. Car. Holte, Bar. (*c*) E Col. B. Willis, Arm.

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Which Sir Charles Holte, Bart. ſerved as one of the knights of the ſhire in parliament, for the county of Warwick (*a*), in the firſt year of King James II. he was a man of letters (*b*), and well beloved in his country, and having married Anne, eldeſt daughter and coheir of Sir John Clobery, of Wincheſter, Knt. (who died at Aſton, March, 173⅞, aged near ninety,) had iſſue ſeven daughters; 1. Anne. 2. Jane. 3. Mary. 4. Frances. 5. Selena. 6. Diana; and 7. Elizabeth: and three ſons; Sir Clobery, his ſucceſſor; Charles, and John.

Sir Charles, dying June 20, 1722, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Clobery Holte, Bart. (*c*) who married Barbara, daughter and heir of Thomas Liſter, of Whitfield, in Northamptonſhire, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, Sir Liſter, and Charles; and dying July, 1729, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Liſter Holte, the preſent baronet, who married in Oct. 1739, the lady Anne Legge, youngeſt daughter of the right honourable, William, earl of Dartmouth (*d*), by the lady Anne Finch, third daughter to Heneage, earl of Aylesford.

ARMS: Azure, two Bars, and in Chief a Croſs, Forme Fitche, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Squirrel ſejant, Or, holding a Haſle-Branch, ſlipp'd vert, with Nuts, proper.

MOTTO: *Exaltavit humiles.*

SEAT: At *Aſton*, near *Birmingham*, *Warwickſhire*.

30. EGERTON, of Egerton, Cheſhire.

(Sir ROWLAND, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, April 5, 1617.

THE manors held by Robert Fitz-Hugh, baron of Malpas, under Hugh Lupus, earl of Cheſter, in the reign of William the conqueror (as recorded in doomſday-book) were (*e*) Bedfeld, Burwardeſtone, Hurdingbery, Depenbache, (now called Malpas) Tilleſtone, Criſtletone, Calmundeley, Eghe, Hanton, Lawechdone, or Laborchedone, Dochintone, Cetelea, Broſſe, Oretone, Cuntitone, Shochliche, Tuſigeham, Bicheley, Buerton, Burwardeſhley, Rauichell, Creuhalle, Tidulſtone, or Tidniſtone, Buiſtane,

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. ibid. p. 1146. (*b*) Ibid. p. 873. (*c*) Ex infor. Dom. Clo. Holte, Bar. (*d*) Collins's Peerage, vol. III. p. 650. (*e*) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

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Buiſtane, Boleberie, Tevertone, Spareſtowe, Penretane, Sudtone, Buteloge, and Cochneche, or Croverche.

But Robert, leaving no male iſſue, this barony came at length by marriage of the heir female, into this famous and knightly family, (as Mr. Camden ſtiles it;)

Of which was, John le Belward de Malpas, who lived in the time of William Rufus (*a*).

William, (ſon and heir of John le Belward de Malpas) ſo named by Sir William Dugdale, is wrote by Mr. Erdeſwicke, (agreeable to other good authorities) Richard: his wife was Letitia, daughter and heir of Robert Fitz-Hugh, baron of Malpas; bearing, for arms, three dart-heads, (Pheons) as he proves by ancient deeds and records; and particularly, by a grant of one eighth part of Hampton, to Richard, youngeſt ſon of this William, ſealed therewith (*b*). That he had at leaſt, a moiety of that barony, is evident, from ſeveral other authorities, and particularly, from Camden's remains (*c*).

William, ſon and heir of (William, or) Richard, and Letitia, his wife, married the daughter of Hugh Keveliock, and ſiſter and coheir of Ranulph, earl of Cheſter: he had iſſue by her, 1. David, baron of Malpas: 2. Robert, from whom the preſent earl of Cholmondeley is lineally deſcended; and 3. Richard, beforementioned, who is alſo taken notice of by Camden, in his Remains (*d*).

David, (eldeſt ſon of William) ſtiled Dan-David de Malpas, and ſometimes le Clerc, from his being ſecretary to the earl of Cheſter, married Margaret, daughter and heir of Ralph ap Eynion (a perſon of great note and large poſſeſſions, in Wales and Cheſhire) by Beatrix, daughter of Ranulph, the ſecond of that name, earl of Cheſter (*e*); whereby he became poſſeſſed of the entire barony of Malpas, viz. one half by deſcent, and the remainder, in right of his wife. He was alſo juſtice of Cheſter, and held three knights fees, temp. Hen. III. his ſons were,

1. William, baron of Malpas, who left no legitimate iſſue.

2. Philip, (high ſheriff of Cheſhire, temp. Edw. I.) who, poſſeſſing the manor of Egerton, near Malpas, had (according to the cuſtom of that age) the ſurname of Egerton, from the place of his reſidence, which was derived to his poſterity in a lineal ſucceſſion, which ſpread into many eminent and flouriſhing branches. The other ſons of David were, 3. Peter, ſurnamed Thorneton; and 4. David, lord of Golbourne.

David de Malpas, alias, de Egerton, (ſon of Philip de Egerton, who died before his brother, William, the baron) continued the chief line, as next heir to his ſaid uncle, after his deceaſe; but being

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar. (*b*) Erdeſwick's Staff. p. 114. (*c*) P. 179. Oct. Edit. (*d*) P. 180. (*e*) See Lee's Chronicon Ceſtrenſe, printed at the end of King's Vale Royal of England, p. 51.

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being then very young, one David, baſtard ſon to William, aforeſain, taking advantage of his minority, intruded himſelf into the barony, and lands of Malpas (*a*), great part whereof paſſed with his two daughters, and coheirs, by marriage to William Patrick, and Sir Urian St. Peter, and by the heir female of Patrick, his ſhare, being transferred to the Suttons, (afterwards lords Dudley) was by them, temp. Hen. VII. ſold to Sir Randal Brereton, Knt.) David, the nephew and rightful heir, however, (according to Camden,) recovered, by a writ of recognizance, a moiety of that town or barony. He married Cicely, daughter and heir of Randal de Thorneton.

Philip, his ſon and heir, was ſheriff of Cheſhire, 2 Edw. II. and father of ſix ſons; 1. David, (of whom hereafter;) 2. Uryan, who, by his wife Amelia, daughter and heir of Caldecote, of Caldecote, (15 Edw. II.) had iſſue, David, and John, (anceſtor to the Egertons, of Dynham, Willoughby, &c.) David, by his wife, Joan, the heireſs of Almaly, was father of Ralph, whoſe ſon, Ralph Egerton, of Caldecote, by the daughter and heir of Haſelwall, had iſſue, William Egerton, of Bettley, who, by marriage with Ellen, daughter and heir of Sir John Hawkſtones, of Wrineford, alias Wrinehill, Knt. (by Annabella, his wife, daughter and heir of William Bromley, of Chettelton, and Annabella, his wife, daughter of Matthew, and ſiſter and heir of William de Chettelton) became poſſeſſed of thoſe eſtates (*b*), and had iſſue Ralph, who died 1452, leaving iſſue, Hugh Egerton, of Wrinehill, who married Margaret, daughter of John Dutton, of Dutton, and died 1505, having had iſſue, Ralph, Robert, and Richard Egerton, prebendary and canon of Litchfield, alſo rector of Endfield, who died 1537.—Ralph, the eldeſt ſon, died the 7th of May, 1522, and lies buried under a handſome raiſed monument of alabaſter, in a chapel belonging to the family, on the north ſide of Madeley-church, together with his wife Iſabel, daughter and heir of Robert Hill, of Hounhill, by whom, he was father of John, (who died 1 June, 1529, having married Agnes, daughter of Sir Walter Griffith, of Wichnor) and William Egerton, of Bettley, (father of Ralph, father of another Ralph; the laſt heir male of which branch was James Egerton, Eſq; who died in the tenth year of his age, April 13, 1687, being only ſon of Randolph Egerton, Eſq; major-general of horſe to King Charles I. and lieutenant-colonel of his majeſty King Charles IId's own troop of guards, who died October 20, 1681, and lies buried under a handſome monument, in Weſtminſter-abby.

Sir Ralph Egerton, of Wrinehill, Knt. ſon and heir of John, married Anne, daughter of Sir Edward Fitton, of Gawſworth, and

(*a*) Ex inſcr. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

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and died 1596, to whom ſucceeded, Edward, his ſon and heir, who conveyed Wrinehill and Chedleton, in Staffordſhire, and the manor of Heywood-Barnes, in Cheſhire, to Sir John Egerton, of Egerton, Knt. hereafter mentioned, which Sir John, lies buried in a vault, within another chapel, on the ſouth ſide of Madeley-church, belonging to the family.

Sir Bryan de Malpas, alias Egerton, third ſon of Philip, before-mentioned, was knight of the order of St. John of Jeruſalem, temp. Edw. II. 4. John. 5. Richard; and 6. Philip.

David de Malpas, alias Egerton, (eldeſt ſon of Philip, and) elder brother of Uryan, was ſheriff of Cheſhire, 5 Edward II. alſo 7 Edward III. 1333: and by his wife, Iſabel, daughter of Richard Foulſhurſt, of Crewe, had iſſue, Philip, Uryan, David, and Robert Egerton, of Bickerton.

Philip, (ſon and heir) had to wife, Ellen, daughter of Sir John St. Peter, and by her had iſſue, Ellen, wife to Sir William Brereton; and Iſabel, to Sir John Delves, Knts. alſo a ſon named David, who married a daughter of —— Venables, of Kinderton, but left no iſſue male; ſo that,

Uryan, brother of Philip, ſucceeded as lord of Egerton. He altered the bearing of his anceſtors, by changing the tinctures, and adding to his three Pheons, a Lion rampant, Gules, (as now uſed; being, according to tradition, an augmentation granted as a reward for his ſervices in the Scotch wars.) He married Amelia, daughter of John Warburton, of Warburton, Eſq;

John, (ſon and heir of Uryan,) was father of,

Sir John Egerton, of Egerton, Knt. who, with Sir Hugh Venables, Sir Thomas Dutton, Sir Richard Molineux, Sir William Troutbeck, Sir John Legh, Sir John Done, and many other of the knights and chief gentlemen of Cheſhire, was ſlain at the memorable battle fought on Bloore-heath, in Staffordſhire, Sept. 23, 1459, between the lord Audley, general for King Henry VI. and Richard Nevil, earl of Saliſbury, on the ſide of Richard Plantagenet, duke of York. He had iſſue by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Fitton, of Cheſhire, Knt. Philip, William, Ralph, Hugh, and Peter.

Philip, ſon and heir of Sir John, was father of William, John, and Sir Ralph Egerton, Knt. who diſtinguiſhed the Lion in his arms, by a Creſcent, (on the ſhoulder) Or: he was eſcheator of Cheſhire, and ranger of Delamere-foreſt for life; alſo gentleman-uſher of the king's bed-chamber, 1 Henry VIII. and by his wife, Margaret, daughter and heir of Ralph Baſſet, of Bloore, progenitor of that knightly line *(a)*, that for ſeveral generations flouriſhed at Ridley, in Cheſhire, (being afterwards ſeated at Shaw, in Lancaſhire,) and from which deſcended Sir Richard Egerton, Knt.

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

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Knt. who, by Alice, daughter of —— Spark, of Bickerton, in Cheſhire, *had a ſon*, Sir Thomas Egerton, Knt. *(a)* who was lord keeper of the great ſeal, temp. Eliz. and by King James created baron of Elleſmere, and viſcount Brackley, and conſtituted lord-chancellor of England; from whom is deſcended the preſent duke of Bridgewater, whoſe younger branches are, the Egertons of Tatton, in Cheſhire, and Newborough, in Staffordſhire.

William, eldeſt ſon of Philip, and brother of Sir Ralph, had no iſſue; whereupon,

John, his next brother, became heir, and continued the principal line. He married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Hugh Done, of Oulton, Eſq; by the heireſs of —— Kingſley, of the ſame place, Eſq; (called Oldeton, in doomſday-book *(b)*, held at that time by Nigel, baron of Halton, and in this lady's right, he obtained that manor; and Leland *(c)*, mentions this John, as the eldeſt houſe of the Egertons,) by whom he had one ſon Philip, and a daughter Suſan, married to Randal Egerton, of Dynham, Eſq;

Philip Egerton, of Egerton, and of Oulton, in right of his mother, married Jane, daughter, and at length heir of Sir Gilbert Smith, of Cuerdley, Knt. (brother of William, biſhop of Lincoln, and founder of Braſen-noſe college, in Oxford,) and was by her father of Margaret, wife of Sir Hugh Starkey, Knt. and of his ſon and ſucceſſor,

Sir Philip Egerton, Knt. ſheriff of Cheſhire, the 5th of Queen Mary; who, by Eleanor, daughter of Sir Randal Brereton, of Ipſtones, Knt. had iſſue,

John Egerton, Eſq; who married Jane, daughter of Piers Moſtyn, of Talacre, in Flintſhire, Eſq; he had two ſons, Philip, the youngeſt, died iſſueleſs; Elizabeth, his daughter, married Sir William Stanley, of Houton, in Werral Hund. Cheſhire, Knt. and,

Sir John Egerton, the eldeſt ſon (born 1551) was knighted by Queen Elizabeth, 1599. Beſides his paternal inheritance, he poſſeſſed Wrinehill, Anneley, Chedleton, and lands in Betley, in Staffordſhire, and the manor of Heywood-Barnes, in Cheſhire, thereto adjoining, by conveyance from Edward Egerton, Eſq; a younger branch of this family, and alſo held the manor and royalty of Holywell, Fulbrooke, and Greenfield, in Flintſhire, by grant from King James I. He died at London, April, 27, 1614, and was buried in July following, at Madeley, in Staffordſhire, having had iſſue by his firſt wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Houton, Knt. five ſons; 1. Philip, who died young.

(a) Collins's Peerage of England, vol. I. p. 466. (b) Lib. Doomſday, in Riſtone-Hund. (c) In his Collect. vol. I. p. 27.

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2. Sir Rowland, of whom hereafter. 3. John, baſely killed by Edward Morgan, after having given him his life, in a duel, April 20, 16c8. 4. Peter, who married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Hayes, Knt. and alderman of London; and 5. Richard, who died S. P. Alſo three daughters; Frances, wife of John Minſhull, of Minſhull, Eſq; (whoſe daughter married Cholmondeley, of Vale-Royal.) Margaret, married, firſt, to Thomas Hall, and afterwards, to Lawrence Whitacker, Eſqrs. and Mary, to Richard Cartwright, of Aynhoe, in Northamptonſhire, Eſq; By his ſecond wife, Anne, daughter of Robert Bernard, Eſq; Sir John, had no iſſue.

Sir Rowland Egerton, of Egerton and Oulton, eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir of Sir John, having been knighted, was afterwards (15 Jac. I.) created a baronet. He reſided much at his manor of Fermingho, or Farthinghoe, in Northamptonſhire, and had prepared ſtone *(a)*, (a conſiderable part whereof is ſtill remaining) for a ſpire ſteeple to the church, and for rebuilding his manor-houſe, at Farthinghoe; but the breaking out of the civil war, and his ſudden death, prevented the accompliſhing his deſigns; for he died ſuddenly, of an apoplexy, and was buried October 3, 1646, having in thoſe rebellious times (when of too advanced an age to attend the camp) ſufficiently manifeſted his affection and fidelity to his prince, as appears by ſeveral teſtimonies remaining in the family, under the hand of that martyr'd king. His lady, who ſurviv'd, was Bridget, daughter of Arthur, lord Grey, lord lieutenant of Ireland, ſon of William, lord Grey, of Wilton, (knight of the garter, lord warden of the eaſt marches towards Scotland, and governor of the town and caſtle of Berwick, who died December 14, 1562) and of his wife Mary, daughter of Charles Somerſet, earl of Worceſter, (lineal anceſtor to the preſent duke of Beaufort,) by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Thomas Weſt, lord De la War.

The ſaid Arthur, lord Grey, died October 14, 1593, aged fifty-ſeven, and was buried at Whaddon, in Bucks, leaving iſſue by Jana-Sibilla, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Moryſon, of Caſhiobury, in Hertfordſhire, Knt. (ſiſter to Elizabeth, counteſs of Lincoln) two ſons; Thomas, lord Grey, his ſucceſſor, who died unmarried, A. D. 1614, and William, who died A. D. 1605, aged thirteen, and was buried in Magdalen-college chapel, in Oxford, with an inſcription over him, as may be ſeen in Wood's Antiq. Oxon. This Bridget, being ſole ſiſter and heir of Thomas, lord Grey, of Wilton, which being a barony in fee, paſſed from the Longchamps through the Fitz-Hughs, by marriage with the heirs-female to John, lord Grey, temp. Edw. II. 1317, whence it deſcended to Thomas, the laſt lord, to whom the preſent Sir Edward Egerton, Bart. is next heir by blood; Sir Rowland,

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar.

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land, having iſſue by the ſaid Bridget, ſix ſons; 1. Thomas, who married Barbara, daughter of Sir John St. John, of Lidyard-Tregoz, in Wilts, Bart. but died iſſueleſs before his father; 2. Sir John, ſucceſſor to the title; 3. Sir Philip Egerton, knighted by K. Char. II. for his loyalty during the rebellion: he married Catherine, daughter and ſole heir of Piers Conway, of Hendre, in com. Flint. Eſq; by whom he had three ſons, and four daughters, viz. John, his ſon and heir; Philip, who lived but a few days, and another Philip, D. D. of whom hereafter; Sibilla, who died an infant; Bridget, died about ſeven years old; Mary, married to Richard, lord viſcount Bulkeley, of the kingdom of Ireland; and Jane, who lived a little above a month. Sir Philip, died at Oulton, and was interr'd at Little-Budworth, in Cheſhire, Aug. 15, 1698. John Egerton, of Oulton, Eſq; ſon and heir, married three wives, firſt, Mary, daughter of Thomas Cholmondeley, of Vale-Royal, in Cheſhire, Eſq; ſecondly, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert, lord viſcount Cholmondeley; thirdly, Catherine, daughter of William Upton, of Upton, in Cheſhire, Gent. who ſurvived him, and is now living, by neither of which, had he any iſſue; and died at Oulton, and was buried at Little-Budworth, Jan. 2, 1732. Philip Egerton, D. D. third ſon, was rector of Aſtbury, in Cheſhire, and married Frances, daughter of——Offley, Eſq; (ſecond ſon of——Offley, of Madeley-manor, in Staffordſhire, Eſq;) by Frances, his wife, daughter of John Lane, of Bentley, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; brother to Mrs. Jane Lane, afterwards lady Fiſher, remarkable, (as appears by lord Clarendon's Hiſtory,) for being ſo inſtrumental in the eſcape of K. Char. II. after the battle of Worceſter; by whom he had iſſue, three ſons, and ſix daughters, viz. Philip, John, Rowland; Bridget, Elizabeth, Mary, Frances, Catherine, and Sibilla. Dr. Egerton, died at Aſtbury, and was interr'd at Little-Budworth, March 6, 1726. Philip Egerton, of Oulton, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Dr. Egerton, and heir to his uncle, John Egerton, of Oulton, Eſq; is in poſſeſſion of the ancient family ſeat of Egerton, together with that lordſhip, and the manor of Heywood-Barnes, in Cheſhire, &c. and hath married Frances, daughter and co-heir of Sir Griffith Jeffreys, of Acton, near Wrexham, in Denbighſhire, Knt. by whom he has no iſſue; John, ſecond ſon, married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Brock, of Upton, in Cheſhire, Eſq; by whom he has two ſons, John, and Philip; and three daughters, Anne, Mary, and Elizabeth, living; 3. Rowland Egerton, who married the widow of Thomas Bourne, ſecond ſon of William Bourne, of Chell, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; by whom he has no iſſue. Of the ſix daughters of Dr. Egerton, Bridget, married Edward Downes, of Shrigley, in Cheſhire, Eſq; Elizabeth, died unmarried; Mary, married Richard Puleſton, of Havod-y-wern, near Wrexham, in Denbighſhire, Eſq; Frances, is unmarried; Catherine, died an infant; and Sibilla, married Francis Haſkins Eyles Stiles, of Moor-park, near Rickmanſworth, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; only ſon and heir of Sir John Eyles, of Giddy-hall, in Eſſex, Bart. the fourth ſon of Sir Rowland, was, Arthur; 5. Rowland, of Chedleton; and 6. Charles, of Walleſea, in Cheſhire, who died

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without iſſue: alſo three daughters, Sybil, firſt married to Edward Bellott, of Moreton, in Cheſhire, Eſq; and ſecondly, to Sir Edmund Anderſon, of Broughton, in Lincolnſhire, Bart. Elizabeth, wife of Sir William Radcliffe, of Foxdenton, in Lancaſhire, Knt. and Mary, who died at Farthinghoe, unmarried.

Sir John Egerton, Bart. eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir of Sir Rowland, died at Wrinehill, and was interred at Madeley, 1674: he married Anne, daughter of George Wintour, of Derham, in Glouceſterſhire, Eſq; who ſurvived, and had iſſue three daughters, Bridget, wife, firſt, of Ralph Thickneſſe, of Balterly, in Staffordſhire; and afterwards, of Timothy Hyldeyard, of Lincolnſhire, Eſqrs. Margaret, married to Windſor Finch, of Ruſhock, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; and Anne, wife of John Gardiner, Eſq; alſo his only ſurviving ſon and ſucceſſor,

Sir John Egerton, Bart. to whom, her late majeſty Q. Anne, granted a patent, for holding fairs and markets within his manor at Holywell, before mentioned (*a*). He married, firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of William, and ſiſter and ſole heir of Edward Holland, of Heaton and Denton, in Lancaſhire, Eſq; which lady, dying of the ſmall-pox, May 31, 1701, he married, ſecondly, Anne, ſole daughter and heir of Francis Wolferſton, of Statfold, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; by this laſt wife, who died 12 April, 1726, there is no iſſue remaining, Francis Wolferſton, a ſon, and Heſter, and Catherine, two daughters, being all dead; the two firſt, infants; the laſt, at a more adult age, 1722: but of the firſt marriage, were ſix ſons; 1. Sir Holland, his ſucceſſor; 2. John, who died of the ſmall-pox, at Cheſter, Dec. 19, 1704, aged ſixteen; 3. Edward, of Harleſton, in Staffordſhire, who was adopted heir to his ſtep-mother, Sir John's ſecond lady; he died unmarried May 9, 1727, and left his eſtate to his next brother, 4. Ralph, which, upon his dying unmarried, April 3, 1732, deſcended to his next brother, 5. Thomas, rector of Sefton, in Lancaſhire, and Cheadle, in Cheſhire, who married Frances, daughter of John Beresford, of Beresford and Bentley, in Derbyſhire, Eſq; (from which family is deſcended, the preſent viſcount Tyrone, in Ireland,) but as yet has no iſſue; 6. William, rector of Farthinghoe, in Northamptonſhire, who married Mrs. Bateman, and has by her, one daughter, Frances. Sir John, had alſo two daughters, Anne, and Elizabeth, who are both living, and unmarried. Sir John, died at Wrinehill, in Staffordſhire, Nov. 4, 1729, aged ſeventy-three, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Holland Egerton, Bart. a gentleman of fine accompliſhments, and excellent parts; well vers'd in moſt parts of literature, particularly, heraldry and antiquities; of a free, open, and communicative diſpoſition, and exceeding well beloved and eſteemed in his country. He married, 1712, Eleanor, youngeſt daughter of Sir Roger Cave, of Stanford, in Northamptonſhire, Bart. (by his wife, Mary, ſiſter of the R^t. hon. William Bromley, Eſq; late ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, and principal ſecretary of ſtate, temp. Ann.) by whom he had ſix ſons, and two daughters; whereof

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whereof, the three eldeſt ſons are dead, 1. John, died April 20, 1723, æt. 11. 2. Holland, March 22, 1714-15, and 3 Cave, April 16, 1718. 4. Sir Edward, his ſucceſſor; 5. Thomas-Grey, and 6. William, who are living, and in their minority: the daughters were, Mary, married to Sir Raphe Aſſheton, of Middleton, in Lancaſhire, Bart. and died at Middleton, Jan. 11, 1735, leaving no iſſue; and Elizabeth-Charlotte, who is unmarried. Lady Egerton, ſurviving her huſband, remarried in 1732, to John Brooke, Eſq; youngeſt ſon of Sir Thomas Brooke, of Norton, in Cheſhire, Bart. and died at Heaton, Sept. 26, 1734, leaving two daughters; Frances, who is living, and Eleanor, who died ſoon after her mother: Sir Holland, died at Heaton, April 25, 1730, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his eldeſt ſurviving ſon,

Sir Edward Egerton, the preſent baronet, who is the twenty-ſecond male heir, in a lineal deſcent from David, baron of Malpas, before mentioned; and who is as yet unmarried.

Arms: Quarterly, 8 Coats; 1. Argent, a Lion rampant, Gules, between three Pheons, Sable; 2. Gules, three Pheons, Argent. The original bearing of this family, till about the time of Ed. III. and appears upon an ancient ſhield, wrought in the ſtone, and depicted in Weſtminſter-abby, with the name of William de Malpas, over it, in old Saxon characters; 3. Azure, three Garbs, Or; the earl of Cheſter's; 4. Argent, three Lioncels, paſſant, regardant in Pale, Gules; Ralph ap Eynion's; 5. Argent, on a Bend, Gules, three Eſcarbuncles, of ſix Rayes, Or; Thorneton's; 6. Azure, two Bars, Argent, over all, on a Bend, Gules, three broad Arrows, of the ſecond; Done's; 7. Argent, a Cheveron, Sable, between three Roſes, Gules, bearded proper; Sir Gilbert Smith's; 8. Barry of ſix, Argent, and Azure, a Label of five Points, Gules; lord Grey, of Wilton's (a).

Beſides the eight Coats abovementioned, this family ſometimes quarter (as marſhall'd by Sir William Dugdale,) the arms of Hugh Lupus, earl of Cheſter, of Alger, earl of Leiceſter, Kingſley, Silveſter, Glanvile, Fitz-Hugh, and Longchamp, barons of Wilton, Rokeley, De la Vache, Grey, earl of Kent, Haſtings, earl of Pembroke, Cantelupe, lord Cantelupe, David, King of Scots, and earl of Huntingdon, barons Broaſe, and Bruere, Valence, earl of Pembroke, Waryn, lord Munchenſy, Marſhall and Strongbowe, both earls of Pembroke, and Haſtings, being deſcended by heirs female, from all the ſaid families, and the iſſue of Sir John, by his firſt wife, add thoſe of Holland, of Heaton, a family, for antiquity, and worthy extraction, inferior to few (b). This family alſo quarter thoſe of Fitz-Oſbert, alias Fitz-Ober, James, lord Ponte de l'Arche, in Normandy, Roger, earl of Clare, Hugh, lord Bardolph, John, lord Boutetourte, of Weoleygh-caſtle, Gilbert, lord Talbot, of Godericke, Barton, of Sharples, Shoreſworth, Denton, of Denton, and Kenyon, of Kenyon.

Supporters: Dexter, a Wyverne, Or; ſiniſter, a Lion, Argent, ducally crowned, as the Wyverne.

 Crest:

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hol. Egerton, Bar. (b) Ibid.

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CREST: On a Wreath, a Gerfalcon, with Bells jeſſant, Or; riſing from a Glove, Argent, garniſhed and taſſel'd as the Falcon, and iſſuing thereout a Columbine Branch, with Flowers almoſt ſurrounding the Falcon, proper, (alluding to the lord Grey's tenure of Eaton, in Buckinghamſhire, by the ſervice of keeping a Gerfalcon for the King,) which Creſt is appropriated to the arms of this family, in a pedigree and atchievement done by Sir William Dugdale, Knt. Garter King at Arms. But the proper Creſt of Egerton, is, on a Wreath, three broad Arrows, (two Saltierwiſe, and one in Pale,) Or, headed and feathered Sable, braced or banded together with a Ribband, Gules, and ſometimes with a Wreath,) taſſelled as the Arrows.

MOTTO: *Virtuti, non armis, fido:* and ſometimes have given, *Leoni, non ſagittis fido.*

SEATS: At *Farthinghoe*, three miles north-weſt from *Brackley*, *Northhamptonſhire:* at *Wrinehill*, alias *Wrineford*, twelve miles north from *Stafford*, and four miles weſt from *Newcaſtle*, *Staffordſhire*; and at *Heaton*, three miles north from *Manchester*, *Lancaſhire.*

31. CLARKE, of Salford, Warwickſhire.

(SIMON, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, May 1, 1617.

THIS family, about the time of William, the conqueror, being poſſeſſed of Woodchurch, in Kent, were thence denominated.

Anchitel de Woodchurch, gave for arms (*a*), Gules, three Swords, erected in Pale, Argent; and for a Creſt, a Hand coup'd at the wriſt, proper, holding a Sword. Raphe, his ſon, is ſaid to be cuſtos (*b*) of the caſtle of London, in the time of William Rufus, and father of Roger, who married Iſabel, daughter of Richard de Wakehurſt. Mr. Philpot, in his diſcourſe on Woodchurch (*c*), gives an account, 'That Wood-'church, in the hundred of Blackburn, in Kent, was the habitation of 'a family, of as deep root in antiquity, as any in this track; who ex-'tracted their ſurname, as well as borrowed their firſt original from this 'place. Roger de Woodchurch, is the firſt who does occur; who, in 'the ancient evidences, and the deeds of this place, which are not cloi-'ſter'd within any date, finds a frequent mention; and from him, (as 'appears by an old pedigree of this family,) did it devolve to his grand-'child, Sir Simon de Woodchurch, who is in the regiſter of thoſe emi-'nent perſons, who accompanied Ed. I. in his victorious and triumphant expedition into Scotland, where his victories entailed upon his 'memory, the character of *Malleus Scotorum*; but in this Sir Simon, the 'name, tho' not the male line, determin'd; for he, by matching with 'Suſan, heir of Henry le Clerke, of Munfidde, brought a large inheri-'tance to own the ſigniory of Woodchurch; and his ſucceſſors, in 'gratitude to a family, which had added ſo much of ſplendor, and

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(*a*) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 96. (*b*) Ex Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm. in Stem. hujus Fam.
(*c*) Villare Cantium, p. 369.

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'annex'd ſo plentiful a revenue to this name, alter'd their paternal appellation from Woodchurch to Clerke: and ſo in all their deeds, ſubſequent to this match, have written Clerke, alias Woodchurch, ever ſince. But as all families have their deſcent and period, as well as gradation and aſcent, ſo had this; for, after this manor had, for ſo many hundred years, continued in this family, which had been productive of men, which had been planted in places of the greateſt eminence, by which they were oblig'd to perform their ſervice to their country, it came down at laſt, to Humphry Clerke, Eſq; who, about the year 1594, paſſed it away by ſale, to Walter Harlackenden, Eſq;' whoſe daughter and heir, Debora, married Sir Edward Hales, Bart.

Thomas Woodchurch, ſon of Roger, beforementioned, married Anne, daughter of Sir Walter Harvy, Knt. lord-mayor of London, in the reign of King John, by whom he had Sir Simon Woodchurch, Knt. who, by Suſan, daughter and heir of Henry Clarke, had iſſue two ſons; 1. Simon, who married Iſabell, daughter of Sir Robert Rockeſly, of Horton-Kirkby, near Dartford, in Kent, Knt. and left only a daughter and heir, Iſabell, married to Adrian Forteſcue. 2. Clarke Woodchurch, heir to his mother's lands, who married Benet, daughter and coheir of Robert Shert, of Woodchurch, and was father of

Peter Clarke, alias Woodchurch, who married Eleanor, daughter of Peter Rowling, and had two ſons, John, and Henry, batchelor in divinity, who died S. P.

Sir John Clarke, Knt. eldeſt ſon, was at the battle of Poitiers, and winning of Calais: he married Margaret, daughter and heir of Delahay, and had a ſon, Henry Clarke, alias Woodchurch, who, by Maud, daughter of —— Ichingham, of Ichingham, had iſſue, Robert Clarke de Woodchurch, who married Catherine, daughter of Richard Edingham, of Edingham, in Kent, by whom he had,

William Clarke, of Woodchurch, who had three wives; 1. Julian, daughter of —— Roberts, of Glaſſenbury, in Kent. 2. Bennet, daughter of —— Aſhburnham, Eſqrs. by neither of which had he any iſſue. 3. Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Winterborne, of Sandhurſt, in Kent, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons; 1. Robert, who married the daughter of Hales, of Halden, in Kent, but his iſſue failed: 2. John, who married Rabege, daughter and coheir of Thomas Godfrey, of Allington, Eſq; by whom, he became poſſeſſed of Fauconhurſt. This William, built the ſouth iſle at Woodchurch, and was there buried, 13 Edw. IV. 1473.

Humphry Clarke, ſon of John Clarke, of Woodchurch, was afterwards of King's-North, in Kent *(a)*; and, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of John Maney, of Biddenden, in Kent, Eſq; had

(a) E Coll. Tho. Jekyll, Arm.

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had iſſue four daughters that were married, viz. Margaret, to William Brockman, of Newington: Elizabeth, to Richard Tucke, of Aldington: Joan, firſt married to Reginald Knight, ſecondly, to Thomas Graunt, and thirdly, to Sir Walter Aſcough, Knt. and Lettice, firſt married to Martyn Culpeper, M. D. and ſecondly, to Robert Purſlow: and two ſons; 1. Humphry Clarke, of Buckford, in Great-Chart, who ſold the Woodchurch-eſtate: 2. Walter Clarke, of Ratcliffe, in com. Bucks, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Edolph, of St. Radigans, in Kent, Eſq; and had iſſue four ſons; Simon, Martin, who died S. P. John, who married Mary, daughter of Randall, of Dunkirk, and Humphry, who married Cicely, daughter of Nicholls: and a daughter, Anne, the wife of Abel Barnard.

Simon Clarke, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, married 1. Margaret, daughter and coheir of John Alderford, of Abbots-Salford, in co. War. Eſq; (by Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Dormer, of Newbottel, Eſq;) which induc'd him to purchaſe, in that county, ſeveral manors, and a good eſtate, particularly the manor of Salford-Priors *(a)*, where he reſided, and was created a baronet, 1617. He was a great encourager of Sir Wm. Dugdale, in his writing the *Antiquities of Warwickſhire*; and on the importunity of this Sir Simon, and his lady, he came firſt to London *(b)*, accompanying them in their journey, in Eaſter-term, 1638, who afterwards introduc'd him to Sir Henry Spelman. This Sir Simon, paid 800l. on account of his loyalty, temp. Car. I. to the ſequeſtrators, for his eſtate: He had iſſue, by the ſaid Margaret, five ſons; Sir John, Walter, Thomas, Peter, a captain in the Low-countries, and Woodchurch, (who married the daughter of Thomas D'Abitot, of Ridmarſley-D'Abitot, in com. Wig. and left iſſue, Simon,) alſo a daughter, Elizabeth. His ſecond lady was Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Hobſon, of Cambridge, Gent. relict of William Hay, Gent. by whom he had no iſſue.

In Salford-Priors church, in Warwickſhire, in the chancel, on the north wall, between two pillars, are ſeveral ſhields, with coats of arms depicted thereon, and inſcriptions under them: in the midſt, in a nich of the wall, there is a little ſtatue of a lady lying along, and leaning her head upon her hand, and under it;

> Here lyeth Walter Clarke, who died ye 3 of May, 1607, and Thomas Clarke, who died ye 27 of May, 1616, being ſecond and third Sonnes of Sir Simon Clarke, Knt. and Bart. by Dame Margaret, his firſt Wife, who died ye 2 of May, 1617, and is here interr'd, being Daughter and Coheir of John Alderford, of Abbots-Salford, Eſq; by Elizab. Dormer, his Wife: He died ye 27 of Decemb. 1606, and is heere buried.

This

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 663. (b) A. Wood's Athenæ Ox. vol. I. p. 694.

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This monument was erected according to the lineal deſcents from father to ſonne, of the Clarke's, alias Woodchurch, of Woodchurch, in Kent, with their wives, and cotes of armes, by Sir Simon Clarke, lord of this manor, anno 1631, in memory of his firſt wife, and his two ſons by her, and ye lady Dorothy, daughter to Thomas Hobſon, his ſecond wife *(a)*.

On the ſhields are theſe arms, and theſe inſcriptions.

1. Gules, three Swords, in Pale Argent, with their Points upwards, and under them;

Anketolius Woodchurch, of Woodchurch, in Kent, had Iſſue.

2. Woodchurch impaling Ermine, on a Feſs, Gules, three Bezants, between three Gryffons Heads, eraz'd, Azure:

Radus. Woodchurch de Woodchurch, Cuſtos Caſtri Londonienſis, Tempore Willi. Rufus.

3. Woodchurch, empaling, Argent, a Chevron, between three Doves, Gules:

Roger Woodchurch, married Iſabel Wakehurſt, daughter to Richard Wakehurſt, of Wakehurſt.

4. Woodchurch, impaling Argent, two Bars, Nebule, Sable, on a Chief of the ſecond, three croſs Patees, fitche of the firſt:

Thomas Woodchurch, married Anne, Daughter to Sir Walter Harvie, Knt. Lord-Mayor of London, and lived in King John's time.

5. Woodchurch, impaling Paly Wavy of ſix, Ermine and Sable.

Sir Simon Woodchurch, Knt. married Suſanna, Daughter and Heir of Henry Clarke, had Iſſue, Simon, and Clarke Woodchurch.

6. Woodchurch, and Clarke, empaling Argent, on a Bend, Sable, a Roſe of the firſt.

Clarke Woodchurch, ſecond Son, had his Mother's Land, and his elder Brother leving but a Daughter, had Woodchurch, married Bennet, Coheir of Robert Shert.

7. Woodchurch, Clarke, and Shert, empaling Argent, two Bars, Gemelles, Gules:

Peter Clarke, alias Woodchurch, married Eleanor, Daughter of Peter Rowlinge.

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(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 864, 865.

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8. Woodchurch, Clarke, and Shert, impaling Argent, on a Feſſe, Gules, two Martlets, Or, between ſix Martlets, Sable:

Sir John Clarke, alias Woodchurch, Knt, married Mildred, Daughter and Heire of Delahay: He was at the Battle of Poytiers, and winning of Calais.

9. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, and Delahay, empaling Azure, a Frette of eight Pieces, Argent:

Henry Clarke, alias Woodchurch, married Maude, Daughter to Ichingham, of Ichingham.

10. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, and Delahay, impaling Argent, a Chevron, Sable, between three Pellets, on a Chief, Gules, a Lion paſſant, Or:

Robert Clarke, of Woodchurch, married Catherine, Daughter to Richard Edingham, of Edingham, in Kent.

11. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, and Delahay, impaling Argent, on a Feſſe, Sable, five Guttees of the firſt, between three Water-budgets of the ſecond:

William Clarke, married Elizabeth, one of the Heirs of William Winterborne, and built the South Iſle at Woodchurch, is there buried. He died 13 Ed. IV. An°. 1473.

12. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, Delahay, and Winterborne, impaling Sable, a Chevron between three Pelican's Heads, eraz'd, Argent.

John Clarke, of Woodchurch, in Kent, married Rabege, Daughter and Coheir of Thomas Godfry, and is buried at Woodchurch.

13. Woodchurch, Clarke, Shert, Delahay, Winterborne, and Godfry, impaling Party per pale, Argent and Sable, three Chevrons, with three Cinquefoils, two in Chief, and one in Baſe, counterchanged:

Humphrey Clarke, married Margaret, Daughter to John Mayny, of Biddenden, in Kent, and is buried at Kings-North, in Kent, had iſſue, Humphrey, and Walter, and four Daughters.

14. The ſame (as 13) impaling Ermine, on a Bend Sable, three Cinquefoils.

Walter Clarke, of Buxford, in Kent, 2d Sonne, married Elizabeth, Daughter to Simon Edolphe, of St. Radigons, in Kent, by Anne, his Wife. Both buried at Ratcliff, in Com. Buck.

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15. The ſame, impaling quarterly, 1. Argent, a Saltire, Azure. 2. Argent, a Chevron, Azure, between three ——Heads, erazed and langued, Gules. 3. Sable, a Feſſe, between three Doves, Argent, a Creſcent for difference. 4. Argent, on a Bend, Sable, between two Lions rampant of the ſecond, a Wywern of the firſt.

Sir Simon Clarke, Knt. and Bart. married Margaret, Daughter and Coheir of John Alderford, and Elizabeth Dormer.

On the 16th ſhield, are all theſe arms quartered together.

On two ſhields juſt over the ſtatue;

1. Woodchurch, impaling Argent, a Saltire, Azure.

2. Woodchurch, impaling quarterly, 1. Or, on a Chevron, Azure, between three Bezants, as many Cinquefoils. 2. Barry of ſix, Argent and Sable; on a Chief of the firſt, three Pellets, 3 as 2, 4 as 1.

On the top of all;

Woodchurch, impaling Alderford, inſigned with an Helmet, on a Torſe, wreathed, Argent and Gules, a Fleur de Lis, Argent and Sable, with this Motto;

Solertia vincat.

On a large monument, fixed to the ſouth wall of the chancel, are, Woodchurch, alias Clarke's arms, impaling, Or, on a Chevron, between three Bezants, as many Cinquefoils, and under them theſe words:

Hic requieſcunt Oſſa Dominæ Dorothæ Clarke, Uxoris Relictæ Simonis Clarke, Baronetti, ultimi Mariti: Et Gulielmi Haye, prioris Mariti, Filiæ Thomæ Hobſon, Cantabr. generoſi. Ex hac Vita emigravit, 8° Die Novem. Mileſſimo Sexcenteſſimo Nonageſſimo nono, Ætatis ſuæ 84.

Beneath this is her ſtatue, at length, leaning her head upon her hand, and under it;

In Memory of whom, Sir Fulwar Skipwith, Bar. her loving Nephew, erected this.

Sir John Clarke, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to Sir Simon, married Anne, daughter of John Williams, of Marnhevill, Eſq; but had no iſſue: ſhe lies buried at Sunning, in Berks, with the following inſcription, on a monument erected within the wall of the north iſle, where, within a round compartment, is the ſtatue, in white marble, of a woman, to the middle (*a*):

Memoriæ

(*a*) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. II. p. 24.

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Memoriæ Sacrum:
Dna. Anna Clarkæ, Uxor Johis Clarke, de Salford, in Comitatu Warwici, Baronetti, Filia Johis Williams, nuper de Marnhevill, in Com. Dorf. Armigeri, H. S. E.
Da Lacrymas Tumulo, Lector, ſed veras, quales Fuderunt Maritus & Frater Johes Williams Baronett. & M. M. P. Ano Dni. 1654.
Maritus hic optat Cineres ſuos jacere,
(Urna ferat violas perpetuumque vale
Dixit Maritus Williams Eques Auratus)
Defunctæ Patruelis,
Obiit 1° Septembris, Anno Dni. 1653.

Sir John, beforementioned, dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his nephew, Sir Simon Clarke, eldeſt ſon of Peter Clarke, Eſq; (who was killed in 1639, by the lord Morley) by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of —— Corbyſon, of Warwickſhire.

Which Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. married Mercy, daughter of Philip Brace, of Doverdale, in com. Wig. Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, Sir Simon, his ſucceſſor, and Philip, (who left two ſons, Sir Simon, hereaftermentioned, and Philip;) and two daughters, Elizabeth, and Mercy: Sir Simon, dying Nov. 10, 1687, was buried at Salford-Priors, in Warwickſhire, where, below the former monument, on a flat ſtone, is this inſcription (a):

Here lies interr'd the Body of Sir Simon Clarke, Baronet, the only Son of Peter Clarke, Eſq; 2d Son to Sir Simon Clarke, Knt. and Bart. who was born at Dunkirk, in Flanders, his father being then a chief Commander in the Wars between the Spaniards and the United Netherlands; from whence he was brought an Infant to this Realm, where he ſoon appeared to be the true Heir of his Father's Courage and Vertues, and was accordingly choſen to ſerve his King and Country, in the quality of military Employment, by the right hon. Earl of Northampton, which he performed with great Loyalty and Integrity: he had four Children by Dame Mercy, the Daughter of Philip Brace, Eſq; of Doverdale, in the County of Worceſter, viz. Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. Philip, Elizabeth, and Mercy, now living. He was brought up in the Faith, conſtantly continued, and at laſt died in the Communion of the Church of England, Die Nov. 10, Anno Dom. 1687, Ætatis 52.

Here lies interr'd the Body of Dame Mercy Clarke, Relict of Sir Simon Clarke, Baronet; ſhe departed this Life, the 22d Day of December, Anno Domini, 1698, Annoq; Ætatis 56. She was the beſt of Wives, beſt of Mothers, and beſt of Friends.

Sir

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 865.

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Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to his father, married a daughter of the reverend Mr. Caſtle, and left iſſue only one ſon,

Sir Simon-Peter Clarke, Bart. who firſt went to ſea with the king's letter, on board the Aſſiſtance man of war, and afterwards ſerv'd in ſeveral different capacities at ſea, but dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his couſin,

Sir Simon Clarke, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Philip, ſecond ſon of Sir Simon, by Mercy, daughter of Philip Brace, Eſq; beforementioned.

Which Sir Simon Clarke, the preſent baronet, lives in Jamaica, is married, and hath ſeveral children.

ARMS: Gules, Three Swords erected in Pale, Argent, Hilts, Or.
CREST: A Hand coup'd at the Wriſt, proper, holding a Sword, as in the Arms.

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32. LUCY, of Broxbourn, Hertfordſhire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, March 11, 1617.

THIS family is generally ſaid to take the name of Lucy, from a maternal anceſtor; (tho', thro' diſtance of time, it can't evidently be made out) and that learned antiquary, Sir William Dugdale, proves it to be paternally deſcended from Gilbert de Gaunt, ſon of Baldwin, earl of Flanders, whoſe ſiſter, William the conqueror married; of whom, and his deſcendants, he gives a long account, in his Baronage of England, and antiquities of Warwickſhire.

This Gilbert de Gaunt, aſſiſting his uncle, William, duke of Normandy, in the conqueſt of England, had, in reward for his ſervices, (beſide other poſſeſſions) the lands of one Tour, a Dane; and, at the time of the general ſurvey, (14 William I.) held *(a)* one lordſhip in Berkſhire, two in Oxfordſhire, three in Yorkſhire, ſix in Cambridgeſhire, two in Buckinghamſhire, one in Huntingdonſhire, five in Northamptonſhire, one in Rutland, one in Leiceſterſhire, one in Warwickſhire, eleven in Nottinghamſhire, and one hundred and thirteen in Lincolnſhire, of which, Folkingham was one, and the head of his barony where he ſeated himſelf: and marrying Alice, daughter and heir of Robert, ſon of Hugh Mountfort, had iſſue three ſons:

And

(a) Dugd. Bar. of Eng. vol. I. p. 400.

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And from Hugh, the eldeſt, deſcended the Gaunts, earls of Lincoln, which line extinguiſh'd in daughters, in the reign of King Edward I.

Hugh, the youngeſt, aſſumed the name of Mountfort, from his mother (*a*), (as was uſual in thoſe days) ſhe being a very great inheritrix; for Hugh Mountfort, her grandfather, an expert and valiant ſoldier, accompanying William the conqueror into England, and ſharing in the victory over King Harold, had, by his gift, twenty-eight lordſhips, in Kent, beſides a large proportion in Romney-Marſh, ſixteen in Eſſex, fifty-one in Suffolk, and nineteen in Norfolk.

Which Hugh, ſon of the ſaid Alice Mountfort, taking to wife, Adelina, daughter of Robert Mellent, earl of Leiceſter (*b*), had iſſue two ſons, and two daughters; Robert, the eldeſt ſon, dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded by his brother, Thurſtan de Mountfort, who erected a ſtrong caſtle in Warwickſhire, whereunto was given, from its pleaſant ſituation, the French name, Beldeſert, which continued the chief ſeat of his deſcendants for divers ages. He had two ſons, Henry de Mountfort, who ſucceeded at Beldeſert, (whoſe deſcendants were barons of the realm) and Thurſtan, ſurnamed de Charlecote, from the manor of Charlecote, the ancient poſſeſſions of the Mellents, earls of Leiceſter; which, by the marriage aforeſaid, of Hugh de Mountfort, with Adelina, accru'd (no doubt) to Thurſtan, his father, ſon of the ſaid Hugh, with other large poſſeſſions belonging to the Mellents.

The ſaid Thurſtan de Charlecote, had a ſon, Walter, to whom, Henry de Mountfort, with Alice de Harcourt, the widow of Robert de Mountfort, his elder brother, gave all his right in the village of Charlecote; which grant, King Richard I. by his letters patents, bearing date at Dover, 6 Decemb. —— confirmed to the ſame Walter and his heirs, adding divers immunities and privileges thereto; all which were ratify'd by King John, in the fifth of his reign.

From this Walter de Charlecote, (who was a knight) by Cicely, his wife, deſcended William, that aſſum'd the ſurname of Lucy, (as Sir William Dugdale (*c*) thinks) from his mother, that might be an heir to ſome branch of that family, the Lucy's being denominated from a place of the ſame name, in Normandy (*d*), and eminent barons of the realm, being lords of Egremont and Cockermouth; which baronies devolv'd on two coheirs, married to Lambert, and Alan de Moulton, brothers; the eldeſt of whom had Egremont; and Alan, the youngeſt, (whoſe poſterity took the name of Lucy) Cockermouth (*e*).

Of the ſaid William de Lucy, Sir William Dugdale gives this

(*a*) Ibid. ut præd. p. 407. (*b*) Dugd. Ant. War. vol. II. p. 799. (*c*) Ibid. ut præd. vol. I. 502. (*d*) Camden's Remains. (*e*) Dugd. Baron. vol. I.

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this (*) account; that he had a confirmation of the lordſhip of Charlecote, from Thurſtan de Mountfort, ſon and heir of Henry de Mountfort, above ſpecify'd, and was in arms with the barons, againſt King John; but returning to his Allegiance, in 1 Henry III. had his lands ſeized upon for that offence, reſtor'd to him, as appears by the king's mandate to the ſheriffs of Worceſter, Glouceſter, Warwick, and Leiceſterſhire, within which counties this eſtate lay. In 6 Henry III. he had the king's letters patent, confirming to him the hundred of Kinton, that had been granted by King Henry II. and ratified by King John, to Walter, the ſon of Thurſtan de Charlecote, but had been ſeized by King Henry III. with the demeſnes of the crown, and ſuch eſcheats as had happen'd.

This William de Lucy, was a knight, in 17 Henry III. and executor to his brother, Stephen de Lucy, by whoſe death he had a great perſonal eſtate. In 18 Henry III. Walter de Laſcy, (a great baron) conferr'd on him and his heirs, the ſtewardſhip of all his lands in England, with two carucates, part of the demeſne belonging to his caſtle of Ludelaw; in conſideration of which two Carucates, the ſaid William, and his heirs, were to be conſtables of that caſtle, and maintain, for ever, a prieſt, a porter, and two centinels there, as formerly had been uſed, except at ſuch times as the ſaid Walter, and his heirs came thither, and then he and his heirs were to remain in the outer ward during their ſtay there. And farther it was agreed, that the ſaid Walter, and his heirs ſhould fortify and defend it themſelves, at their own coſts, in times of hoſtility. And that the ſaid William, and his heirs, might take the accuſtom'd rates aſſeſs'd on bread and beer, in the town of Ludelaw, in the abſence of the ſaid Walter, and his heirs; and that he and they ſhould have fewel in the woods belonging thereto. And farther, that when ever the ſaid William, and his heirs, by command of the ſaid Walter, and his heirs, ſhould be called to hold their courts, receive accompts, or other occaſions, that he and they ſhould have entertainment for themſelves and horſes, at the charge of the ſaid Walter, and his heirs; which agreement beareth date, at Trim, in Ireland, 1 Auguſti, 18 Henry III.

In 20 Henry III. the cuſtody of Warwickſhire, and Leiceſterſhire, was committed to his charge, together with the caſtle of Kenilworth; in which truſt he continued for the ſpace of three years; and in 25 Henry III. was joined in commiſſion with the then ſheriff, Philip de Aſcells, and others, for viewing all the caſtles in Warwickſhire, and certifying their defects to the king. In the next year, he is mention'd to be ſigned with the croſs, for

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(*) Ant. of Warw. vol. I. p. 502, & ſeq.

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a religious cruſade: and this William, was he that founded the monaſtery of Thelesford, ſtiling himſelf in the charter, *Filius Walteri de Charlecote*; giving lands for the building a church, and an hoſpital for the relief of poor people, receipt of pilgrims, and ſuſtenance of religious men, there ſerving God for ever: Adding to this his gift, the advouſon of the church at Charlecote, and confirming half a yard-land, which Cicely, his mother had granted. He bore for his arms, Verry, three Lucies hauriant, Argent, as appears by the impreſſion of one of his ſeals; but by another, there is nothing of Verry. He married two wives, Iſabel, daughter to Abſolon de Aldermoneſtone, with whom he had certain lands given him, by Gervaſe, then abbot of Perſhore. The ſecond was, Maud, ſiſter, and one of the coheirs to John Cotele, of whoſe inheritance he had the manor of Bereuton, in Hants. and departed this life, about 32 Henry III. leaving iſſue.

Sir William Lucy, Knt. his ſon and heir, of whom I find nothing *(a)* memorable but his marriage, which was with a great heir, viz. Amicia, daughter and heir to William de Furches, and heir alſo of William Fitz-Warin, by whom he had iſſue, Fouk de Lucy.

Which Fouk, was of the retinue to Peter de Montfort, one of the rebellious barons that took up arms againſt the king, in 48 Henry III. and was in ſuch favour with them for his activeneſs, that, being indebted to one Elyas le Blund, a jew of London, in a great ſum of mony, he procur'd a ſpecial mandate (dated 7 Maii, 49 Henry III.) directed to the commiſſioners, in whoſe hands, the eſtates of the jews then ſeized on, were intruſted, to deliver up the bonds, and diſcharge him thereof; acquitting him of all intereſt, but reſerving the payment of the principal into the exchequer; the barons, at that time, having the king's perſon in their cuſtody, whom they took priſoner in the battle of Lewes, and made uſe of his great ſeal, and all other regal authority, in his name.

But theſe barons being ſoon after utterly vanquiſhed at Eveſham, their eſtates were confiſcated, moſt of which were given away to thoſe that had firmly ſtuck to the king, and the eſtate of this Fouk de Lucy, was given to Robert Waleraund; however, by that favourable decree, call'd *Dictum de Kenilworth*, he was admitted to compoſition, and enjoy'd his eſtate again.

This Fouk, was a ſpecial lover of good horſes; for in 11 Ed. I. he gave xl marks to two Londoners, that were merchants of horſes, for a black horſe; about which time, a fat ox was ſold but for 16s. In 14 Edw. I. he was one of the juſtices for the goal-delivery, at Warwick; and 15 Edward I. as alſo 17 Ed. I. he

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 503.

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he was one of the four knights to take care for the conſervation of the peace, in the county of Warwick, according to the ſtatute of Winchester; and having been a benefactor to the canons of Thelesford, died 31 Edw. I. leaving iſſue, by Petronil, his wife, William Lucy, his ſon and heir, then 26 years of age.

Which William, had livery of his father's lands the ſame year he died, and was a knight in 2 Edw. II. if not ſooner; and bore for his arms, Gules, ſeme of Croſlets, with three Lucies hauriant, Argent, as by his ſeal appears. He was a perſon of great note, for he ſerv'd as knight for Warwickſhire, in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, 6 Edw. II. in that at York, 15 Edw. II. and likewiſe in the parliaments held 17 Edw. II. and in thoſe held at Northampton, 2, and at Weſtminſter, 10 Edw. III. *(a)* He was often in commiſſion for goal-deliveries at Warwick, and for conſervation of the peace, according to the ſtatute of Wincheſter. In 15 and 16 Edw. II. for chuſing foot-ſoldiers, and conducting them to Newcaſtle upon Tine, to march againſt the Scots. In 18 Edw. II. for ordering the knights, eſquires, and other ſoldiers that were to ſerve on horſeback with the king, in his wars of Gaſcoigne: he was likewiſe a benefactor to the canons of Thelesford; and, by Elizabeth his wife, had iſſue a daughter, married to Geffery, ſon of Robert Laſcells, and William, his ſon and heir.

Which William de Lucy, in 15 Edw. II. was in the Welſh expedition; and in 18 Edw. III. was a knight, being then in commiſſion to enquire and certify the names of ſuch in his county, who had from an hundred ſhillings to 1000l. per ann. deducting the ſervices and neceſſary reprizes. In 19 Edw. III. he receiv'd ſummons, with many other perſons of quality, to prepare himſelf with horſe and arms, by the feaſt of St. Laurence, to attend the king in his French expedition, at which time, the famous battle of Creſſy was fought, he being of the retinue of Thomas Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, but exempted from attendance at that time, being then join'd in commiſſion with the ſheriff to array 160 archers in Warwickſhire, for the king's ſervice. He died about 22 Edw. III. and, by Elizabeth, his wife, left iſſue, Thomas Lucy, who had two wives; Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Guy [ſon of] Fitz-Robert, and Philippe; which laſt, 28 Edw. III. join'd with him in a grant of certain arable land in Charlecote, to the canons of Thelesford, to pray for the ſouls of William de Clinton, earl of Huntington, and them the ſaid Thomas, and Philippe.

This Thomas, had iſſue, William Lucy, who, being a knight, in 5 Richard II. was the ſame year retain'd to ſerve John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, and king of Caſtile, with one eſquire for life, as well in times of war as peace; for which ſervice, to

(a) Pryn's Regiſt. de iiſd. ann.

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have 20l. per ann. beſides his diet; and, in 1 Henry IV. was one of the knights for Warwickſhire, in the parliament then held at Weſtminſter.

To him ſucceeded Thomas, his ſon and heir, retained alſo with the ſaid duke of Lancaſter, for term of life, to ſerve him, as well in times of peace as war; for which he was to have ten marks per ann. wages. This Thomas, being a knight in 7 Henry IV. ſerv'd the ſame year for his county in parliament; and the next year was conſtituted ſheriff of Warwick and Leiceſterſhires, and was of the retinue to Richard Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, for which he had 20l. per ann. fee. He wedded Alice, only daughter of Sir William Hugford, (but by the death, without iſſue, of Margery, daughter to William, ſon and heir to the ſaid Sir William) and at length his heir, whereby he had a fair inheritance lying in the counties of Bedford and Salop: and departing this life, 28 Julii, 3 Henry V. left William, his ſon and heir, thirteen years of age; the ſaid Alice, afterwards marrying Richard Archer, of Tanworth, Eſq; within eight weeks after his ſaid deceaſe.

This William, was, during his minority, in ward to John Boteler, of Warrington, in com. Lanc. Eſq; and in 2 Henry VI. upon the death of Elizabeth, widow to Sir John Clinton, was found couſin and heir to her. In 12 Henry VI. *(a)* I find him in the catalogue of thoſe men of note in this ſhire, that made oath for performance of ſuch particular things as were determined of in the parliament held at Weſtminſter that year. In 14 Henry VI. he was ſheriff of Warwick and Leiceſterſhires; as alſo 28 Henry VI. and the ſame year join'd in commiſſion with the lord Grey, of Groby, and others, for treating with the people about a loan to the king; as likewiſe (31 Henry VI.) with Humphry, duke of Buckingham, and others, for that purpoſe. He adher'd to the houſe of York, in their quarrel with the Lancaſtrians; for, 38 Henry VI. he had a protection from the earls of March and Warwick, dated 18 July, and ended this life, 6 Edw. IV. leaving, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter to Reginald, lord Grey, of Ruthyn, William, his ſon and heir, twenty-ſix years of age, who, in 7 Edw. IV. doing fealty for the manor of Haverſham, in com. Bucks. held of the king, as of his honour of Peverell, as alſo for the manor of Shrewley, in com. Warw. held alſo of the king, as of his dutchy of Lancaſter, had his homage reſpited.

This William, was in commiſſion of the peace, in 11, 12, 13 and 14 Edward IV. in which 14th year, he had, for ſome great and ſpecial conſiderations, the gift of 160l. beſtowed on him by the king, out of the profits of Warwickſhire and Leiceſterſhire, being the ſame year ſheriff of thoſe counties. In 20 Ed. IV.

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(*a*) Dugdale, ib d. vol. I. p. 504.

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I find he was a knight; and in 1 Henry VII. he was created knight of the Bath, at the queen's coronation. 6 Henry VII. he was in commiſſion for arraying men in com. Warwic. upon King Charles VIII. king of France, threatning an invaſion, and the next year, releaſed to the canons of Thelesford, certain privileges, that he and his anceſtors had, viz. toll-tack, ſtallage, and bloodſhed: and, by his teſtament, bearing date, 2 July, 1492, bequeath'd his body to be buried in the church of Stratford upon Avon, leaving bequeſts to eight churches next adjoining, to Charlecote *(a)*, viz. Hampton, Waſpeton, Bereford, Newbold, Welleſburne, Loxley, Alveſton, and Shireburne; and for the obſervation of his exequies, divers ſums to the houſe of Thelesford, nuns of Pinley, the canons and vicars of Warwick, and to the wardens and prieſts of Stratford; dying the day after.

He married, firſt, Margaret, daughter to John Brecknock, treaſurer to King Henry VI. by whom he had iſſue, Edmund, Henry, and Humphry; and Roſe, wedded, firſt, to John, ſon of Sir Thomas Poultney; ſecondly, to John Braconbridge. His ſecond lady was, Alice, daughter of William Hanbury, which Alice, died 10 Henry VII. and was buried on the left ſide of her ſaid huſband, as in her life-time ſhe deſired: ſhe had by him, William, Edward, and Mary, wife of John Denſell.

Edmund Lucy, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir William,) ſucceeded in the eſtate at Cherlecot, aged twenty-eight; and in 2 Henry VII. was a commander in the king's army at the battle of Stoke, juxta Newark. And in April 7, Henry VII. retain'd, by indenture, to ſerve the ſaid king in his wars, for one year, with two men at arms, having with him his cuſtrell *(b)*, and his page, and three demi-lances, thirty archers on foot, and ſix bills of good and able perſons; taking for himſelf, and men at arms, 17 d. per diem; for his demi-lances, 9d. and archers and bills, 6d. per diem. This being the time that King Henry took his voyage into France, and beſieg'd Bullogne. In 10 Henry VII. (20 Sept.) he had ſummons among divers perſons of quality, to attend the king, ready fitted, to be made a knight of the Bath, at the creating the king's ſon, duke of York: but it ſeems, he did not appear; for in April following, his teſtament bears date, wherein he is ſtil'd eſquire; and, among other matters relating to his funeral, &c. *(c)* bequeath'd his body to be buried in the monaſtery of Thelesford, near his mother: to the houſe of Thelesford, he bequeathed a croſs of ſilver, gilt, of 10l. value; forty marks to be ſpent and given on the day of his burial, by his executors, to prieſts, clarks, and poor people; and alſo willed, that

(a) Dugd. ibid. p. 505. *(b)* A groom of the ſtable, Du; ale, ibid. *(c)* Dugd. ibid. vol. I. p. 505.

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at his month's mind, twelve poor men, holding torches, ſhould have each of them a black gown and hood, and 4d. in mony; likewiſe that his anniverſary ſhould be kept at Thelesford, for the ſpace of twenty years after his death, and xl. s. ſpent thereat, for dirige over night, maſſes, and to poor people. He further willed, that one prieſt of the ſame order with thoſe at Thelesford, ſhould ſing in the ſaid chapel, for his ſoul, for the ſouls of Jane, his wife, and Sir William Lucy, Knt. his father, and all chriſten ſouls, by the ſpace of ſix years, next after his deceaſe: and that the ſame prieſt ſhould have yearly, for ſo doing, during the ſaid ſix years, eight marks, to be paid by the hands of his executors: and that a marble ſtone of ſeven foot in length, and four in breadth, with the arms of himſelf and his wife, and their portraitures, together with an inſcription, might be laid upon his grave: of which teſtament, he conſtituted Sir Reginald Bray, Knt. (a great man in that time) ſupervisor. He had, by Jane, his wife, daughter of Richard Ludlow, (and afterwards wife of Richard Hungerford) two ſons, Thomas, and Edmund; and a daughter, Anne, married to —— Leigh.

Thomas, eldeſt ſon and heir, ſucceeded at Cherlecote, and was one of the ſewers to King Henry VIII. in the firſt year of his reign; at which time he obtained letters patent, bearing date Sept. 21, for the cuſtody of all the lands belonging to George Cateſby, of Aſhby-Legers, in com. Northamp. Eſq; then deceas'd, to hold, during the minority of William Cateſby, his ſon and heir. He was a knight, 6 Henry VIII. and in 16 Henry VIII. ſheriff of Warwick and Leiceſterſhires. He took to wife, Elizabeth, widow of the ſaid George Cateſby, daughter to Sir Richard Empſon, of Eaſton-Neſton, in Northamptonſhire; and, by his teſtament, ult. Julii, 17 Henry VIII. bequeath'd his body to be buried in the Grey-Fryars, at London; appointing, that within a year after his deceaſe, there ſhould be a ſtone laid upon his grave, with the portraiture of himſelf, his lady, and children, and his arms at the four corners; as alſo, ſuch an inſcription as his executors ſhould deviſe, to the intent that good people might have remembrance to pray for his ſoul, and all chriſten ſouls, (for thoſe are his words): he alſo willed, that a prieſt ſhould be found, by his ſaid executors, to ſay maſs, and to pray for his ſoul, in the pariſh-church of Cherlecote, or Aſhby, for the ſpace of three whole years after his deceaſe, and dying Sept. 3, 1525, was buried before the altar, in Grey-Fryars (*a*), now called Chriſt-church,

(*a*) But his tomb is not to be found, for of cxiv perſons that were buried there, whereof Stow, in his ſurvey of London, vol. I. B. 3. p. 132. makes mention, reciting the name of each that had a monument; amongſt which is, Margaret, daughter to Philip, king of France, and wife to King Edw. I. Iſabel, wife to King Edw. II. Joan, queen of Scots, daughter to King Edw. II. with divers others of the Engliſh nobility, and other perſons of ſpecial

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church, near Smithfield. He left three ſons, and three daughters; Anne, wedded to Thomas Herbert; Radegund, married to —— Betts; and Barbara, to Richard Tracy, of Stanway, in com. Glouceſt. Eſqrs. Of his ſons, William, the eldeſt, had the eſtate at Cherlecote; to Thomas, ſecond ſon *(a)*, he gave the manor of Cleybrook, in com. Leiceſt. and to the heirs-male of his body, with remainder to Edmund, his youngeſt ſon, to whom he bequeathed the manors of Beckering and Sharpenho, in Seginho, and Richmont, in Bedfordſhire, with remainder to Thomas, aforeſaid, for want of iſſue-male of the ſaid Edmund.

William Lucy, (eldeſt ſon and heir of the ſaid Sir Thomas) married Anne, daughter of Richard Fermer, of Eaſton, in com. Northton. Eſq; and died 5 Edw. VI. leaving iſſue, Thomas, his ſon and heir, Richard, William, Timothy, and Edward; and theſe daughters; Alice, married to William Fuller; Mary, to Chriſtopher Hales, Eſqrs. Jane, to George, ſon of Sir Robert Verney, Knt. Martha, and Joyce.

Thomas (eldeſt ſon and heir of the ſaid William) ſucceeded at Charlecote, and, in 1 Eliz. rebuilt the manor-houſe of brick, as it now ſtands. In 7 Eliz. he received the honour of knighthood; and in 13 Eliz. was elected knight of the ſhire for the county of Warwick, and likewiſe in the parliament held in the twenty-ſeventh of that queen *(b)*. He married Joice, daughter and heir of Thomas Acton, of Sutton, in com. Wig. Eſq; When he died, I don't find; but he ſurviv'd his lady, and erected a fair tomb on the ſouth ſide of the chancel, at Charlecote, on which, is the effigies of a knight in armour, with his lady by him, in proſtrate poſtures; their hands conjoin'd in prayer, their heads on a pillow; and at their feet his and her creſt. On the exterior ſide, in the two columns, are the effigies of his ſon in armour, and a daughter, kneeling on cuſhions, in praying poſtures;

dial quality, and in particular, the name of this Sir Thomas Lucy; there is not now one to be ſeen; and if you deſire to know what is become of their tombs, hearken to what the ſame author ſays, viz. All theſe, and five times ſo many more, have been buried here, whoſe monuments are wholly defaced, for there were ix tombs of alabaſter and marble, environed with ſtrikes of iron, in the choir, and one tomb in the body of the church, alſo coped with iron, all pulled down, beſides exl grave-ſtones of marble, all ſold for fifty pounds, or thereabouts, by Sir Martin Bowes, goldſmith and alderman of London.—Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 506.

(a) Dugdale's War. vol. I. p. 505. tho' in an extract of his will, which I have ſeen, he left his manor of Compton, Chamberlain, in com. Wilts Charlton and Wotton, in com. Bed. Haverſham and Leighton-adwowſon, in com. Bucks. Charlcote, Hunſcote, Cherington, Shrowley, Newbold, Pacy, and Weldborne, Haſtings, in com. Warw. to the uſe of his will: Anne, Radegund, and Barbara, to have 500 marks each. Edmund, ſecond ſon, to have the manor of Bekering, in com. Bedf. and lands in Wotton, in tail-male, remainder to William, his ſon. Thomas, his third ſon, to have the manor of Cleybroke, in Leic. in tail-male, remainder to William. Elizabeth, his wife, to have all his goods. Executors, Elizabeth, his wife, John Cole, ſubdean of the king's chapel, and Richard Drewell, Eſq; *(b)* MS. penes B. Willis, Arm.

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and, over all, in a table fix'd againſt the wall, between two pillars, adorn'd with arms, and a quarter'd atchievement, is this inſcription *(a)*:

> Here entombed lyeth, the Lady Joyce Lucy, Wife of Sir Thomas Lucy, of Charlecote, in the County of Warwick, Knt. Daughter and Heir of Thomas Acton, of Sutton, in the County of Worceſter, Eſq; who departed out of this wretched World, to her heavenly Kingdom, the 10th Day of February, in the year of our Lord God, 1595; and of her age lx and three: All the time of her Life, a true and faithful Servant of her good God, never detected of any Crime or Vice; in Religion moſt ſound; in her Love to her Husband, moſt faithful and true; in Friendſhip moſt conſtant; to what in truſt was committed to her, moſt ſecret; in Wiſdom excelling; in governing her Houſe, and bringing up of Youth in the Fear of God, that did converſe with her, moſt rare and ſingular; a great maintainer of Hoſpitality; greatly eſteem'd of her Betters; miſlik'd of none, unleſs of the Envious. When all is ſpoken that can be ſaid, a Woman ſo furniſh'd and garniſh'd with Vertue, as not to be better'd, and hardly to be equall'd by any. As ſhe lived moſt vertuouſly, ſo ſhe died moſt godly. Set down by him that beſt did know what hath been written to be true.
>
> Thomas Lucy.

The ſaid Sir Thomas, left iſſue a daughter, Anne, wedded to Sir Edward Aſton, of Tixhall, in com. Staff. Knt. and a ſon of his own name.

Thomas Lucy, who received the honour of knighthood, 36 Eliz. in the life-time of his father; and after marrying two wives, viz. Dorothy, daughter of Nicholas Arnold, Eſq; and Conſtance, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Kingſmill, of High-Clere, in com. Southton, Knt. ſurveyor of the court of wards, died 1 Jac. I. 1603 *(b)*, and lies buried in a chapel, on the north ſide the chancel of the church of Charlecote, under a ſumptuous monument, (erected by Dame Conſtance, his lady, who ſurviv'd him) but without any inſcription. The effigies of a knight in armour, lying on his back, under a canopy, his hands conjoin'd, his head on a cuſhion, and his creſt at his feet; and, between two enarchings, is a pilaſter, exhibiting a final of the figure of Time, the whole ſupported by two pillars, with the atchievement of the family, and Lucy, impaling Kingſmill, &c. On the baſis, the figures of fourteen children, kneeling; two in armour, ſingly

(a) Dugdale's War. vol. I. p. 510. (b) Ant. of Warw. vol. I. p. 506.

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ſingly, and the others, two and two in Groups; and, adjoining to the ſame, (on a protuberant ſtone) is the figure of his laſt wife, (Conſtance, daughter and heir of Sir Richard Kingſmill,) kneeling on a cuſhion at prayer.

This Sir Thomas, by Dorothy, his firſt wife, daughter of Nicholas Arnold, Eſq; had one ſon, Thomas, who died young, and a daughter, Joyce, married to Sir William Cook, of Highnam, in com. Glouc. Knt. and, by the lady Conſtance, beforementioned, ſix ſons; 1. Sir Thomas, of whom hereafter: 2. Sir Richard, anceſtor to the branch we are now to treat of: 3. George: 4. William, 'who became a commoner of Trinity-college, Oxford *(a)*, and 'was entered as a knight's ſon, and took one degree in arts, and 'then went to Lincoln's-Inn, and ſtudied the municipal laws 'for ſome time. Afterwards, deſiring a ſedate and academical 'life, he went to Caius-college, Cambridge, liv'd ſeveral years 'there on his eſtate, and at length, took the degree of batchelor 'of divinity; about which time, being made chaplain to George, 'duke of Bucks, by his majeſty's ſpecial recommendation (who 'then told the duke, that he ſhould have an eye on him, as oc'caſion ſerv'd) he was admitted doctor of divinity, much about 'the ſame time he became rector of Burgh-Cleere and High'Clere, in Hampſhire, where continuing in a quiet repoſe, till the 'grand rebellion broke out, was often diſturbed for his loyalty, 'and at length ſequeſtred; after his majeſty's reſtoration, he be'came biſhop of St. David's by his nomination, to which, being 'conſecrated in St. Peter's church, in Weſtminſter, Decem. 2, '1660, ſat there till the time of his death. He was a perſon of 'ſignal candour, and virtues requiſite in a churchman, which, 'in the worſt of times, gain'd him great eſteem from the very 'enemies of his order and function. He wrote obſervations and 'confutations of notorious errors, in Mr. Hobbs's Leviathan, 'and ſeveral other tracts. He died, Oct. 4, 1677, and was bu'ried in the collegiate church of Brecknock, in Wales: over his 'grave is the effigies of the defunct, to the middle part, in a 'gown and lawn ſleeves, curiouſly fram'd from alabaſter, with 'the right hand holding a book, and the left reſting on a death's 'head; all ſet up in the wall, near his grave, with this inſcrip'tion, in golden letters, on a black marble:

M. S.

Vigilantiſſimi præſulis Gulielmi Lucy, qui veterum natalium proſapiâ, morum Candore miro, ingenii acumine perſpicaci, literaturæ reconditoris Claritate, integritate Vitæ ſpectabili, Virtutis omnigenæ præſidio ad amuſſim ornatus, & ad Gradus Epiſcopalis apicem fæliciter evectus voce præ-

ſidebat

(a) Wood's Athenæ Oxon. vol. II. p. 596.

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fidebat & Exemplo, Meritis & Pietate, ſacrâ Infulâ digniſſimus. Æquam ſervavit in utraque ſorte mentem adverſis fulvi probatus inſtar auri, non fractus unquam fuit, nec elatus rebus proſperis. Eccleſiæ Anglicanæ fulgebat ſidus lucidum, verbi divini (dum res tulit) Concionator aſſiduus, Veritatis Orthodoxæ Vindex acerrimus, Ordinis Hierarchi Decus & propugnaculum, & Sedis Menevenſis per Annos octodecim ingens Ornamentum, Satur Dierum & maturus Cœlo huic mundo placidè nec nvitus valedixit, Octobris Die quarto, Anno Ætatis 86. Dom. MDCLXXVII.

The biſhop was father of Richard *(a)*, chancellor of the church of St. David's, (ſo made by his father) who died in 1689, and of Spencer Lucy *(b)*, made canon and treaſurer of the cathedral-church of St. David's, by his father, and died at Brecknock, Feb. 9, 1690. The biſhop was grandfather *(c)* of William Lucy, of Caſtle-Cary, in com. Somerſet. Eſq; and of George Lucy, of Pembroke, in Wales, Eſq; The fifth ſon of Sir Thomas, was, Robert; and 6. Francis, who left a ſon, Richard, who married Rebecca, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Wormley, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; relict of Sir Thomas Playters, of Sotterley, in Suffolk, Bart. who, ſurviving her ſecond huſband, was remarried to Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertf. Knt. and died May 23, 1685.

Sir Thomas, the eldeſt ſon of Sir Thomas, beforementioned, was knighted; and ſucceeding at Charlecote, had the honour of being elected knight of the ſhire *(d)* for the county of Warwick, in ſix ſeveral parliaments, from the eighteenth of King James I. to the time of his death, the 8th of December, 1640. His character and virtues is ſet forth in a latin inſcription, (on a noble and curious monument *(e)* erected to his memory, at Charlecote; the effigies of him and his lady lying at full length, under a canopy, ſupported by four pillars; at their feet, the figure of a gentleman riding a managed horſe; and, at their head, a ſtudy of books) importing, that he was the ornament and delight of his country; glorying more in vertue, than the blood of his anceſtors; wherein he was greater, and more illuſtrious. How much his country lov'd him, and he his country, the aſſemblies in parliament demonſtrated; and, as no one better minded, ſo none ſtudied leſs their domeſtick affairs. He was a moſt indulgent huſband to his wife

(a) Wood's Faſti, vol. II. p. 101. (b) Ibid. 160. (c) Dugdale, ibid. p. 506. (d) MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm. (e) Ant. Warw. penes. vol. I. p. 511.

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wife and children, and a kind maſter to his ſervants. His tables were open to the learned; nor were his gates faſt to the poor. He gave, yearly, cartloads of food to divers pariſhes, and daily buſied himſelf in ſome work, that it might not be ſaid, he did ill in doing nothing. The manag'd horſe was his chief exerciſe; and that (by a bruiſe in his bowels,) occaſion'd his death, in the fifty-ſixth year of his age. The inſcription on his monument beforementioned, is as follows *(a)*:

Thomas Lucie,
Miles,

Agri Varvicenſis Decus & Deliciæ, antiquiſſima oriundus Familiâ, Virtute nihil duxit antiquius: quâ majoribus ſuis etiam perilluſtribus emicuit (ſi fas dicere) major, & illuſtrior. Quantus extiterit in illum Patriæ Amor, quanta illius in Patriam pietas, publica Regni Comitia (quibus ſæpe numero popularis illum ardor inſervit) abundè perhibent. Rei familiari ſplendidiſſimæ, nemo aut melius proſpexit aut minus ſerviit: promentibus indies Liberalitate & Magnificentia quæ Frugalitas condiderat. Patrem Familias præſtitit qualem perpauci. Famulorum, ſi quem morbus corripuerat, & ipſe ſtatim male habuit, adhibuit Medicum, ſuis ſumptibus reſtituit, qui Pater in hero erga Servos, facile judices quid fuerit in Patre erga ſuaviſſimam prolem, in Marito erga dilectiſſimam Uxorem! Menſæ (quæ nunquam non opipera) bonus quiſq; gratiſſimus accubuit, præſertim ſi Theologiam ſapuit & Muſas imbibit: quarum ipſe ſitientior dubium an ſcientior fuerit. Muſæum certè animatum audiit: neque minus benigna pauperculis janua: cui famem omnibus eximenti, qui valedixit, etiam benedixit. Multas Operas, præcipue ne nihil agentes malè agerent, quotidie exercuit. Multis opidulis etiam plauſtra Cibariorum quotannis tranſmiſit. Bellatorem equum, qui apud illum plurimus, & nuſquam loci pluris, nuſquam generoſior, animi gratia ſæpiuſculè preſſit, cui niſi callidiùs fuiſſet quam ſibi moderatus (nam equo intentior læſit inteſtina) nondum ille, quo fuimus fælices & quo non alter fuit in terris fælicior, fuiſſet in cælis feliciſſimus. Nobis autem occidet, ſibiq; exortus eſt, Decembris viii. Anno Dom. M.DC.XXXX.

Ætatis ſuæ, LVI.

Et Alicia Uxor ipſius,

Filia & Hæres Thomæ Spenſer, de Claverdon, Armigeri. Cujus eximias Virtutes prohibet hoc Marmore (quod nec illas capit) nimia ſuperſtitis Modeſtia.

(a) Dugdale, ibid.

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deſtia. Hoc ſolum patitur, fuiſſe Conjugis dum erat in vivis obſervantiſſimam, poſſuiſſe mortuo hoc qualecunque Monumentum; factumque præ Amore atq; Mærore (uti cernis) Marmoreum.

Alice, his lady, was daughter and heir of Thomas Spencer, of Claverdon, in com. Warw. Eſq; *(a)* ſecond ſon of Sir John Spencer, of Althorpe, in com. Northton. Knt. who brought him ſix ſons, and ſix daughters; from this Sir Thomas, the family now reſiding at Charlecote, in Warwickſhire, are deſcended.

Sir Richard, his brother, (ſecond ſon of Sir Thomas Lucy, and the lady Conſtance, beforementioned) was knighted at Whitehall, 8 Jan. 1617, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, on the 11th of March following, being ſeated at Broxburn, in Hertfordſhire, in right of his firſt wife, who was, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Cock, of the ſaid place, Knt. *(b)* and widow of Robert Weſt, Eſq; ſon and heir of Thomas, lord De la Warr, and likewiſe of Sir Robert Oxenbridge, Knt. ſhe, dying 1645, Sir Richard, married ſecondly, Rebecca, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Wormley, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; he dying, April 6, 1667, had by his firſt wife, a daughter, Conſtantia, married to Henry, lord Coleraine, of the kingdom of Ireland, and one ſon, Sir Kingſmill, his ſucceſſor in the title and eſtate.

Which Sir Kingſmill Lucy, of Facombe, in com. Southton, Bart. afterwards purchaſed a ſeat and eſtate, at Netley, in the ſame county, and for the moſt part reſided there; but departed this life, at Facombe, in which church he had ſepulture. He married the lady Theophila, ſecond daughter of George, earl of Berkeley, (who ſurviving her huſband, married Robert Nelſon, Eſq; well known to the world for his *Feaſts and Faſts of the Church of England*, and his other excellent books of devotion,) and left iſſue one ſon, Sir Berkeley, his ſucceſſor, and two daughters; Theophila, married to Sir William Ingoldſby, of Lethenbro', in Bucks, Bart. and Mary, who died unmarried.

Which Sir Berkeley Lucy, the preſent baronet, married Catherine, daughter of Charles Cotton, of Berresford, in com. Staff. Eſq; (ſon and heir of Charles, ſon of Sir George Cotton, Knt. and Mary, his wife, daughter of ———, and relict of the earl of Ardglaſs) which lady died, June 1740, and had ſeveral children, whereof, only one daughter, Mary, is now living, and married to the honourable Charles Compton, Eſq; conſul at Liſbon, younger brother to the right honourable the earl of Northampton.

ARMS: Gules, Cruſule, of croſs Croſſlets, Or, three Lucies, [or Pikes] hauriant, Argent, a Creſcent for diſtinction.

CREST:

(a) Dugdale's Warw. vol. I. p. 506. *(b)* Chauncey's Hertf. p. 289.

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CREST: In a ducal Crown, Or, a Boar's Head coup'd, ermine, between two wings diſplay'd, ſable, tuſk'd and crin'd, Or, languid Gules.

MOTTO: *Non nobis naſcimur.*

SEATS: At *Netley* and *Facombe*, in *Hants*, and *Broxburn*, in *Hertfordſhire*.

33. BOYNTON, of Barmſton, Yorkſhire.

(Sir MATTHEW, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, May 25, 1618.

THIS is a family of very great antiquity, and the firſt mentioned in the pedigree *(a)*, is Bartholemew de Boynton, who was ſeized of the manor of Boynton, (from whence the family were denominated) and lived A. D. 1067, and was ſucceeded in his eſtate by his ſon, Walter, who lived in the time of William Rufus, 1091. Some time after, we meet with, Bruis de Bointon *(b)*, a witneſs with the prior of Tinmouth, and others, to a donation in frank Almoigne, made by Ranulf de Merley, in 30 Henry I. 1129, confirming to the monks of Durham, Morvic, with the appurtenances, that his father William de Merley, had before granted them: to whom ſucceeded, Sir Ingram de Boynton, Knt. ſeated at Aclam, in that county, who had iſſue, Sir William, his ſon and heir, living in the reign of King Edward I. *(c)* father to another Ingram de Boynton *(d)*, who left iſſue, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Walter Grindal, Knt. Walter, his ſon and heir.

Which Walter de Boynton, was knighted *(e)*, and in 30 Ed. III. (1356) being in the ſervice of Edward, prince of Wales, in Britany, had the king's *(f)* letters of protection, dated the 8th of Feb. the ſame year. He had iſſue, Sir Thomas Boynton, of Aclam, who had in marriage, Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir Gifford Roſſells, of Newton, under Gundſbrough, in Cleveland, and is the ſame perſon, who, jointly with Thomas de Ingelby, had a grant from King Edward III. in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, for free warren *(g)*, in Aclam, (in Cleveland) Areſome, Rouſeby, Neuton, Swaynton, and Boynton, in com. Ebor. He was ſucceeded by a ſon of his own name, Thomas de Boynton

(a) Ex infor. Dom. G. Boynton, Bar. *(b)* Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 49. b. *(c)* Prov'd by Inquiſ. temp. Edw. I. and 11 Henry IV. Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 99. *(d)* Prov'd by Inquiſ. 11 Henry IV. ibid. *(e)* Call'd Will. Eſch. 11 Henry IV. call'd Walter, Eſch. 3 Henry VI. ibid. *(f)* Rymer's Fœd. tom. V. p. 844. *(g)* Cart. 39 & 40 Ed. III. N. 23, 24.

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Boynton *(a)*, who was likewiſe a knight; and, by Margaret, his wife, daughter of —— Sawcock, left a ſon, Henry.

Contemporary with the ſaid Sir Thomas, was Robert de Boynton, governor of Berwick-caſtle *(b)*; and in 1 Richard II. a commiſſioner, among others, for receiving at Berwick 4000 marks, from Robert, king of Scots (in part of 56000 marks) which he had orders to pay to William de Melton, chevalier, mayor of the city of York.

Henry de Boynton *(c)*, (ſon and heir of Sir Thomas) was ſuſpected to be in the intereſt of Henry (Percy) earl of Northumberland, and his ſon, who had taken arms againſt King Hen. IV. For, in the fourth year of the reign of that *(d)* prince, (when the battle of Shrewſbury was fought) John Wokerington, Gerald Heron, and John Mitford, were commiſſioned to tender an oath to this Henry de Boynton, and others, to be true to the king, and renounce, Henry, earl of Northumberland, and his adherents; yet, three years after this *(e)*, he was concerned with the ſaid earl, Thomas Mowbray, earl-marſhal, Richard Scroope, archbiſhop of Canterbury, and others, who had taken arms in 7 Hen. IV. and flying to Berwick, was apprehended, on the ſurrender thereof to the king, and with ſeven others, executed, being then a knight. He had iſſue, by Elizabeth, his wife, (afterwards married to John Felton,) *(f)* two daughters, viz. Elizabeth, wife to Thomas Marton, of Marton, in Cleveland; and Jennet, wife to John Wydiſworth; likewiſe two ſons *(g)*, Thomas de Boynton, who died without iſſue, and Walter; other pedigrees ſay, William.

Which Walter *(h)*, or William, lived in the time of King Henry VI. and by his wife, Jane, the daughter of Simon Harding, left iſſue, Sir Thomas Boynton, Knt. his ſon and heir; who, by marriage with Iſabel, daughter to Sir William Normanvile, of Kilnwick, in com. Ebor. Knt. had iſſue two ſons, Henry, hereafter mentioned, and Sir Chriſtopher, progenitor to the Boyntons, of Sadbury, in the liberty of Richmond, in co. Ebor. the eldeſt line whereof, expired in one daughter and ſole heir, Iſabel, married to Henry, ſecond ſon to Sir William Gaſcoigne, of Gawthrop, Knt. and from a ſecond ſon of this branch, deſcended the Boyntons, who were ſettled at Willerby, and afterwards at Rawcliff *(i)*; which likewiſe expir'd in heirs females, one of whom was mother to Boynton Appleyard, Eſq; who bears the name

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(a) Prov'd by inquiſ. 11 Hen. IV. and 3 Henry VI. Le Neve, ibid. *(b)* Rymer's Fœd. tom. VII. p. 197. *(c)* Prov'd by inquiſ. after his mother's death, Le Neve, ibid. *(d)* Rymer, tom. VIII. p. 322. *(e)* Hollinſhed's Chron. vol. II. p. 1149. *(f)* Eſch. 10 Hen. V. N. 23. *(g)* Ex Stemmate, and prov'd by inquiſ. 11 Hen. IV. Le Neve, ibid. *(h)* Eſch. 3 Hen. VI. Will. frater Thomæ, fil. Hen. de Boynton, Mil. &c. N. 40. Le Neve, ibid. *(i)* Dugdale's Viſit. of Com. Ebor. fo. 100.

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name of Boynton-Boynton, by right of ſubſtitution and adoption.

Henry Boynton, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Thomas, beforementioned, and elder brother to Sir Chriſtopher, encreas'd his fortune very conſiderably, by marrying Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Martyn del See, lord of Barmſton, in Yorkſhire, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and coheir of Chriſtopher Spencer; for thereby he enjoy'd a large eſtate of her inheritance, and principally the manor of Barmſton, anciently poſſeſſed by John Mounceux; whoſe daughter and heir, Margaret, married to Bryan at See, brought it to Sir Martyn del See, ſon of the ſaid Bryan; and from the aforeſaid marriage with Boynton, it accrued to this family, and has been their principal ſeat ever ſince. The ſaid Henry Boynton, had a daughter, Iſabel, eſpouſed to Bryan Tonſtall; and four ſons, Thomas, Martyn, Cuthbert, and Henry.

Thomas Boynton, Eſq; the eldeſt, ſucceeded at Barmſton and Aclam, and taking in marriage, Cicely, daughter to Sir James Strangeways, of Smeton, in com. Ebor. Knt. had iſſue two daughters, (Anne, married to Robert Haldenby, of Haldenby; Jane, to Thomas Goldſborough, of Goldſborough, Eſqrs.) and a ſon, Matthew.

Which Matthew Boynton, Eſq; had a grant for life, from King (a) Henry VIII. (in the twenty-ninth year of his reign) of the office of high-ſteward of all his lordſhips, &c. in the cities of Lincoln and York, that were forfeited by the attainder of William Wood, late prior of Bridlington. He married Anne, daughter to Sir John Bulmer, Knt. and had iſſue a ſon, Thomas, and three daughters, viz. Margaret, wife to William Frobyſher; Anne, to William, fourth ſon to Richard Norton, of Norton, in com. Ebor. and Cecilie, maid of honour to Queen Elizabeth, and afterwards married to Edmund Norton, third ſon of Richard.

Thomas Boynton, Eſq; (ſon and heir of Matthew) was ſheriff of Yorkſhire, in 18 Eliz. and afterwards had the honour of knighthood from the queen, at Hampton-court, in Jan. 1577. He had two wives, Frances, daughter of Francis Frobyſher, of Doncaſter, by whom he had, his ſon and heir, Francis; and Anne, who married Francis Vaughan, of Sutton-Darwent, in com. Ebor. By his ſecond lady, Alice, daughter of Nicholas Tempeſt, of Holmeſide, in the biſhoprick of Durham, Eſq; he had no iſſue; and ſhe, afterwards marrying Sir Chriſtopher Place, of Halnaby, in com. Ebor. Knt. had, among other iſſue, Dorothy, (at length ſole heir of that family) who married the aforeſaid Francis Boynton, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Thomas.

Which Sir Francis, was ſheriff of Yorkſhire, in 28 Eliz. and received the honour of knighthood, at York, the 17th of April, 1603,

(a) Privat. Sigil. 5 Mail, 29 Hen. VIII.

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1603, when King James paſs'd thro' that city, in his way from Scotland. He left iſſue by the ſaid Dorothy, daughter and coheir of Sir Chriſtopher Place, Knt. and Alice, his wife, relict of Nicholas Tempeſt, of Holmeſide, and Anne, his wife, daughter of John Marley, Eſqrs. a daughter, Dorothy, married to Sir Henry Bellingham, of Levinz, Knt. and a ſon named Matthew.

This Sir Matthew Boynton, ſucceeding to the inheritance of Barmſton, and a good eſtate, was knighted by King James I. at Whitehall, May the 9th, 1618, and on the 25th of May following, was farther advanc'd to the dignity of a baronet. He ſerv'd in parliament for the borough of Heydon, in the reign of King Charles I. and was one of thoſe the rebels chiefly entruſted in Yorkſhire; for when Sir John Hotham, and his ſon, captain Hotham, were contriving the ſurrender of Hull, to the king, this Sir Matthew Boynton, had orders *(a)* from the parliament, to have an eye on them, and endeavour to preſerve the town, if he perceiv'd it in danger; purſuant to which, he contriv'd the ſeizing of him; and colonel Boynton, his ſon, actually took Sir John priſoner. He died in the year 1646, and, by Frances, his wife, daughter of Sir Henry Griffith, of Agnes-Burton, Knt. and Bart. (and heir to her brother, Sir Henry) had ſeven ſons, and four daughters; of whom, Mary, died unmarried; Dorothy, was wife to John Anlaby, of Etton, in com. Ebor. Elizabeth, to John Heron, ſon of Richard Heron, of Bockenfield, in com. Northumb. and Margaret, to John Robinſon, of Rither, in com. Ebor. Eſqrs. Of the ſons, Sir Francis, ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate, will be mentioned hereafter; Matthew, ſecond ſon, married Iſabel, daughter to Robert Stapleton, of Wighill, in com. Ebor. Eſq; and was ſlain at Wigan, in the advance of the army of King Charles II. out of Scotland, towards Worceſter: he left iſſue two daughters, one of them married to the nominal duke of Tirconnel, when colonel Talbot, and the other to the celebrated earl of Roſcommon. 3. Marmaduke; 4. John; 5. Guſtavus; 6. Cornelius, and 7. Charles; all died unmarried.

Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. (ſon and heir of Sir Matthew) aged forty-ſeven years, 1665 *(b)*, had to wife, Conſtance, daughter of William, viſcount Say and Seal, who bore him a daughter, Frances, married to George Whitchote, of Harpſwell, in com. Linc. Eſq; and three ſons; 1. William: 2. Nathaniel, who died unmarried: 3. Henry, rector of Barmſton, who wedded, firſt, Dorothy, daughter of Alexander Amcotts, of the biſhoprick of Durham, Eſq; and had iſſue, Sir Francis Boynton, of Beverly, of whom hereafter; and Elizabeth, who died young. He married, ſecondly,

(a) Ruſhworth's Collections, 3d part, vol. II. p. 275, 276. (b) Viſit. de Com. Ebor. per Dom. Wil. Dugdale, Mil.

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condly, Margaret, daughter of——Robinſon, of Newton-Garth, in the eaſt-riding of Yorkſhire, Eſq; who died without iſſue.

William Boynton, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon and heir apparent to Sir Francis,) died in the life-time of his father, about the year 1689, and by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and coheir of John Bernard, of Kingſton, upon Hull, Eſq; left iſſue, Sir Griffith Boynton, Bart. ſucceſſor to his grandfather, and a daughter, Conſtance, married to Richard Kirſhaw, D. D. rector of Ripley, in com. Ebor.

Which Sir Griffith Boynton, of Burton-Agneſs, Bart. married, firſt, Adriana, daughter of Mr. John Sykes, merchant, at Dort; ſhe died 1725, but had no iſſue.

Sir Griffith, married, Nov. 1728, to his ſecond lady, a daughter of Thomas White, of Wallingwells, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; he died in Ormond-ſtreet, Dec. 22, 1731, without iſſue, and his lady, Oct. 8, 1732, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his couſin, Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. only ſon of Henry, rector of Barmſton, who was third ſon of Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. beforementioned.

Which Sir Francis Boynton, Bart. *(a)* was elected member in this preſent parliament, for Headon, in Yorkſhire, and one of the members of the houſe of commons, who, by order of the houſe, in April 1736, was appointed to congratulate her late majeſty Queen Caroline, on the nuptials of the prince of Wales, with the princeſs of Sax-gotha: he was alſo appointed, by the houſe of commons, to congratulate their royal highneſſes the prince and princeſs of Wales, upon the birth of prince Edward, and was recorder of Beverley: he married Frances, daughter of James Heblethwayte, of Norton, in the eaſt-riding of Yorkſhire, Eſq; (by Bridget, his wife, daughter of Sir William Cobb, of Beverley, in com. Ebor. Knt.) which lady has been dead ſome years, by whom he had iſſue three ſons, and three daughters, viz. Sir Griffith, his ſucceſſor, and Francis, living; and William, deceaſed: Conſtance, and Adriana, living; and Dorothy, deceaſed.

This Sir Francis, died, Sept. 16, 1739 *(b)*, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Griffith Boynton, the preſent baronet *(c)*, who is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Or, a Feſs, between three Creſcents, Gules; tho' the Feſs, was formerly charged with a Lion paſſant, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Goat paſſant, ſable, guttee d'Argent, Beard, Horns, and Hoofs, Or.

MOTTO: *Il tempo paſſa.*

SEAT: At *Burton-Agnes*, in the eaſt-riding of *Yorkſhire*.

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Griff. Boynton, Bar. (b) Ibid. (c) Ibid.

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34. LYTTELTON, of Frankley, Worceſterſhire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, July 18, 1618.

THAT this family of Lyttelton, was ſettled at Frankley, in com. Wigorn. about the nineteenth year of King Hen. III. 1235, is evident, from a moſt accurate pedigree in the herald's office *(a)*; whereby it appears, that one Thomas de Lyttelton, married Emma de Frankley, a ſole heireſs, and lady of the manor of Frankley; but whether this Lyttelton, before his ſaid marriage, was a ſtranger to that county, or reſided at the town of South-Lyttelton, in the vale of Eveſham, (as there is reaſon to think he did) taking his name from the place of his habitation, is a matter of doubt, and never determined by the heralds and antiquaries.

Mr. Selden, was poſſeſſed of two grants of lands to the monaſtery of Eveſham, in 7 Hen. II. 1161, to both which, one John de Lyttelton was witneſs. This is the moſt ancient that the name of Lyttelton is to be met with, and as the land ſo given, was at Lench, near South-Lyttelton, 'tis probable, this John, was anceſtor to Lyttelton, of Frankley.

In an ancient leidger of the priory of Worceſter, mention is made of one Henry de Clive, the ſon of Swenus de Lutulton, ſans date *(b)*. Many evidences in the viſitation beforecited, prove, that there were other families of the name of Lyttelton, of good eſteem, in Dorſetſhire, Somerſetſhire, Middleſex, and in other counties, ſome, before the time of Henry III.

The dignity of this fair-deſcended family of Lyttelton of Frankley, has grown up together (ſays my lord Coke) and ſpread itſelf abroad by matches with many other ancient and honourable families, to many worthy and fruitful branches, whoſe poſterity flouriſh at this day, and quartereth many fair coats, and enjoyeth fruitful and opulent inheritances thereby *(c)*.

Thomas de Lyttleton, had iſſue by Emma, his wife, one only daughter, viz. Emma, (firſt, the wife of Augerus de Tatlington, of

(a) Viſit. Salop. C. 20. In this viſitation is a faithful tranſcript of a book, ſaid to be drawn up by one Mr. Lyttelton, town-clerk of Worceſter, temp. Jac. I. (the original in the hands of Sir Edward Littleton, of Staffordſhire, Bart.) wherein are copied the ancient evidences of the Lytteltons, of Frankley, Pillaton, Henlegh, &c. together with the Inquiſitio's poſt mortem, laſt wills, &c. a true copy of which is in the hands of T. W. as there will be frequent occaſion to refer to it, we ſhall call it MSS. Lyttelton. *(b)* Survey of Worceſterſhire, by Abingdon, MS, in Jeſus-college library, Oxon. *(c)* Ld Coke's Proemium to his firſt Inſtitute.

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of Tredington, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; and ſecondly, of Nicholas Whetamſtede; ſhe was a benefactreſs to the abby of Halesowen, in Shropſhire, and died 1298.) He married a ſecond time, (viz.) Aſſelm, daughter and heireſs of William Fitz-Warin, of Upton, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; (ſecond ſon of Fulk Fitzwarin, lord marcher of Wales, a man of great note, temp. Henry I.) *(a)* which William, was one of the juſtices itinerant, and judge of the common-pleas, 12 Hen. III. and ſheriff of Worceſterſhire, the next year *(b)*, by whom, Lyttelon had three ſons; Thomas, Edmund, and John.

Thomas, the eldeſt, reſided at his manor of Couleſdon, in Upton-Snodſbury, and had lands in Newenton (vulgo Naunton-Beauchamp) in com. Wigorn. which continue in the name of Lyttelton, to this day. In 9 Edward II. *(c)* he was choſe knight of the ſhire for Worceſterſhire: he took to wife, Lucia de Bois (vel Atwood) of a conſiderable family at Wolverley, in that county, by whom he had one ſon, viz. Thomas: this Thomas, was with Richard de Lench, and others, 34 Edw. III. commiſſioned by the king to collect the tenths and fifteenths, in Worceſterſhire. He married Julian, the daughter of Robert de Somery, of the Great Houſe of Dudley: he had iſſue two ſons, Thomas, and John.

John, the younger, was appointed commiſſioner of array, with other the chief gentlemen of the aforeſaid county, 1 Henry IV. on a rumour of a foreign invaſion. He had to wife, Beatrix Freſchevil, of a noble family, in com. Warwic. by whom he had iſſue, an only daughter, the wife of Jeffrey Frere, Eſq; *(d)*

Thomas, the elder, recovered, by a writ of right, the manor of Frankley, on failure of iſſue to his couſin, Thomas de Tatlington: he was eſquire of the body to Henry IV. and Henry V. and had annual penſions granted him by both kings, out of the fee-farm rents of Worceſter, *pro bono & gratuito ſervicio*, as expreſſed in the grants.

He ſpelt his name, Luttelton, and ſealed with the Cheveron, between three Eſcallops *(e)*, as now uſed by his poſterity, but bore a different creſt, viz. a Greyhound's Head, collar'd. About the cloſe of Henry Vth's reign, he ſerv'd the office of high ſheriff of Worceſterſhire, under Beauchamp, earl of Warwick, titular and hereditary high ſheriff of that county. He took to wife, Maud, the daughter and heir of Richard Quatermain, of a large eſtate at Ricote and North-Weſton, in Oxfordſhire, by Joan, his wife, the daughter and coheir of Grey, of Rotherfield, in that county: by her he had an only daughter, Elizabeth, who was his ſole heir, which Elizabeth, married Thomas Weſtcote, Eſq; the king's ſervant in court, a gentleman anciently deſcended: but ſhe being

(a) Dugdale's Baron. vol. I. p. 449. *(b)* Ibid. p. 446. *(c)* Clauſ. M. 3.
(d) MSS. Lyttelton. *(e)* Ibid.

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fair, and of a noble ſpirit, and having large poſſeſſions and inheritance from her anceſtors, De Lyttelton, and from her mother, the daughter and heir of Quatermain, and other her anceſtors, reſolved to continue the honour of her name, and therefore, prudently, whilſt it was in her own power, provided, by Weſtcote's aſſent, before marriage, that her iſſue inheritable, ſhould be call'd by the name of De Lyttelton *(a)*.

The ſaid Thomas Lyttelton, died about the year 1421, (Maud, his wife ſurviving him, holding Frankley, in dower or jointure, and married a ſecond huſband, viz. John Maſſey, Eſq;) he was probably a benefactor to Frankley-chapel, for his portrait, with that of his wife, each arrayed with a tabart of their arms, ſtood finely painted, in a north window of the ſaid chapel, till deſtroy'd in the laſt civil wars, together with the portraits of his ſon and daughter, Weſtcote, in the oppoſite window, and of many others, the Lytteltons, his poſterity *(b)*. Weſtcote, was eſcheator of Worceſterſhire, 29 Henry VI. and died in that reign: his widow remarried Thomas Hewſter, of Litchfield, Eſq; ſhe left iſſue, by Weſtcote, four ſons, and as many daughters; 1. Thomas, of whom hereafter: 2. Nicholas: 3. Guy, who, with his brother, Nicholas, retained the name of Weſtcote, though often ſollicited by their mother (as John Talbot, cotemporary with them, would relate) to call themſelves Lyttelton: ſhe, once expoſtulating with them, whether they thought better of themſelves than their eldeſt brother, they anſwer'd, That he had a fair eſtate to alter his name, and if they might ſhare with him, they would do the like. Nicholas, married Agnes, daughter and heir of Edmund Vernon, of Staffordſhire, Eſq; by Joan, the daughter and heir of Handſacre, of Handſacre, from whom the Weſtcotes, of that county, are deſcended. Guy, married Greenevill, of Glouceſterſhire, from whom, the preſent Weſtcotes, of Devon and Somerſet, are deſcended. 4. Edmund, who died unmarried. Of the daughters, we find but one married, viz. Anne, the wife of Thomas Porter, of Barſton, in Warwickſhire *(c)*.

(It is probable that ſome of their poſterity, who ſettled in Devon, and Cornwall, took the name of Lyttelton, for in 5 Henry VII. we find a Lyttelton, who bore the ancient Lyttelton arms, ſeated at Lanhiderock, in Cornwall, who, by marrying the heireſs of Gerard, of Polſtoth, got a large eſtate in that county, and had beſides, a very conſiderable one, in Devonſhire. On failure of iſſue male, it paſſed, by a female, to the Trenances, of Laſtilian, who were in poſſeſſion of it about the year 1622) *(d)*.

Thomas Weſtcote, alias Lyttelton, the eldeſt ſon, was the famous

(a) Coke's Proemium to firſt Inſtitute. (b) MSS. Lyttelton, in which are the portraits, fairly drawn, in their proper colours. (c) Dugdale's Warw. in Barſton. (d) MSS. Lyttelton.

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mous lawyer, ſtudied at one of the two univerſities, afterwards removed to the Inner-temple, where he read learned lectures on the ſtatute of Weſtm. 2. *de donis Condit.* In 1454, he was called to the degree of ſerjeant at law, and afterward, appointed ſteward of the marſhalſea of the king's houſhold: the next year, he was made king's ſerjeant, and rode juſtice of the aſſize in the northern circuit *(a)*.

On the coming of Edward IV. to the crown, he ſued a general pardon, which that prince granted him: probably his crime was, the joining with the houſe of Lancaſter, his lawful ſovereign, againſt the then duke of York: whatever it was, the new king ſoon gave him ſenſible proofs of his favour and good will; for, in the fourth year of his reign, he appointed Lyttelton, one of the judges of the common-pleas, and granted him, out of the cuſtoms of London, Briſtol, and Hull, 110 marks, *ultra conſuetum fœdum, ut ſtatum ſuum decentius tenere & expenſas ſuſtinere valeat*, as the words of the writ are: and moreover, 106s. 11½ for a robe and furrs, and 6s. 6d. for a ſummer robe, called *Linura*, (perhaps taffata.) In the fifteenth year of King Edward, the prince of Wales was created knight of the Bath, at which time, ſeveral perſons of the firſt diſtinction, and in the higheſt favour at court, were advanced to this honour; as, the earl of Lincoln, Gray, the queen's ſon, Bryan, chief judge, Lytylton, one of the juſtices of the common-pleas *(b)*; half the knights, at their creation, were placed on the king's right hand, the other half on the left, among the former, was Lyttelton *(c)*.

He wrote his famous *Treatiſe on Tenures*, probably not long before his death, becauſe it wanted his laſt hand; to which, ſays Camden, the ſtudents of the common law are no leſs beholden, than the civilians, to Juſtinian's Inſtitutes. About that time, ſome privileges of great conſequence were diſputed, between the city, and church of Worceſter; the controverſy aroſe to that height, that the king interpos'd, and appointed Sir Thomas Lyttelton, and Mr. Salway, a gentleman of that country, by award, to put an end to the differences; which they did, with that impartiality and judgment, as gave full ſatisfaction to both the contending parties, and by that means reſtored the peace and quiet of the chief town of their county *(d)*.

Sir Thomas, took to wife Joan, (widow of Sir Philip Chetwin, of Ingeſtree, in Staffordſhire, Knt.) one of the daughters and coheirs of William Burley, of Broomſcroft-caſtle, in Salop, Eſq; by —— his wife, the daughter and heir of Grendon, of Grendon, with whom he had large poſſeſſions. He had iſſue by her, three

(a) Life of judge Lyttelton, in ſupplemental lives to Beyle's Dict. p. 121. *(b)* Anſtis's Order of the Bath, p. 32. *(c)* MSS. Cotton Lib. Claudius. *(d)* Abingdon's ſurvey of Worceſterſhire.

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ſons and two daughters; 1. William: 2. Richard, to whom the *Tenures* are addreſs'd, who followed his father's profeſſion; this Richard, married Alice, daughter and ſole heir of William Winneſbury, of Pillaton-hall, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; by whom he got a great eſtate, and was lineal anceſtor to the preſent Sir Edward Littleton, of that place, Bart. *(a)*

Thomas, his third ſon, was of Spechley, near Worceſter: he married Anne, daughter and heir of John Botreaux, of Botreaux-caſtle, in Cornwall, Eſq; from him were deſcended, the lord keeper Lyttelton, temp. Car. I. Sir Thomas Lyttelton, Bart. ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, temp. Will. III. and ſeveral other families, ſome of which are ſtill remaining in Shropſhire. The daughters names were, Ellyn, and Alice, who both died unmarried.

The judge made his laſt will, Aug. 22, 1481, and died the next day at his ſeat at Frankley, in a great and good old age. He was interr'd under an aral tomb, which he made in his life-time, on the ſouth ſide of the cathedral church of Worceſter, upon the flat part thereof, on a braſs plate, was the portraiture of a judge in his robes, and iſſuing from his mouth, his uſual motto, viz. *Ung Dieu ung roy*; the ſides of the tomb were finely ornamented with his arms and quarterings, viz. Weſtcote's, Burley's, Edeſyn's, Quatermain's, Grey's, Grendon's, and Lyttelton's. In the laſt civil wars, it was deſpoiled of its braſs and arms; the following inſcription only, being left upon it:

> Hic jacet Corpus Thomæ Lyttelton, de Frankley, Militis de Balneo, & unius Juſticiarorum de Communi Banco, qui obiit 23 Auguſti, An. Dom. 1481. *(c)*

It was repaired after the reſtoration, had rails of iron finely gilt, placed before it, and the arms new painted, but erroneouſly; for the judge's own coat is ſupported by a merman, which ſupporter he never bore, for it was firſt made uſe of by his ſon, Sir William Lyttelton.

As Sir Thomas Lyttelton's will contains many curious particulars, it my not be amiſs to give it our readers, exactly copied from the prerogative-office *(d)*:

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Lyttelton, Knight, oon of king's juſtice of the common-place, make my teſtament, and notifie my wille, in the manner and forme that followeth. Firſt, I bequeth my ſoul to Almighty God, Fader, Sonne, & Hollye Gooſt, three Perſons & oon God, & our Lorde, maker of heven and erth, & of all the worlde; & to our moſt bleſſed Lady & Virgin, Saynt Mary, moder of our Lord, & Jeſu Chriſt, the

(a) MSS. Lyttelton. (b) Ibid. (c) Thomas's ſurvey of Worceſter cathedral, 4to. (d) Log. 23 Prerog. off.

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the only begotten ſonne of our ſaide Lorde God, the fader of heven, and to ſaint Chriſtopher, the which our ſaide Lorde did truſte to bere on his ſhouldres, & to all the ſaints of heven: and my body to be berried in the tombe I lete make for me on the ſouth ſide of the body of the cathedrall-church of the monaſtere of our ſaid bleſſed lady, of Worceſter, under an image of St. Chriſtopher, in caas if I die in Worceſterſhire. Alſo, I wulle, and ſpecially deſire, that immediately after my deceſſe, myn executors find three gode preeſts for to ſinge jjj trentals for my ſoule, ſo that everich preeſt, by himſelf, ſing oon trental, and that everich ſuch preeſt have right ſufficiently for his labor; alſo that myn executors find another gode preeſt for to ſing for my ſoule, fyve maſſes, and rowe; the offyce of which beginneth, *Humiliavit ſemel ipſum Dominus Jeſu Chriſtus uſque ad mortem.* Alſo I give one hundred ſhelings by yere, to the priour & covent of the ſaid monaſtere, out of certain meſſuages & landes in the cite of Worceſter, & to their ſucceſſors, to ſinge at the altar, hallowed for the worſhip of St. George & St. Chriſtopher, daily, at vii in the morning, for the ſoules of my fader & moder, & for the ſoul of Willam Burley, my fader-in-lawe, & for the ſoul of Sir Philip Chetwin, & for all ſoules that I am moſt bounden to pray, & ſpecially for myn own ſoule after my deceſſe; & that everich ſuch monk ſing everich Friday, a maſs of *Requiem*; & jjd. for his troubel, to be paid him by the handes of the ſexton; and I wull, that whenever the covent ſing the annual *Placebo*, & *Dirige*, & *Requiem* for my ſoul, and that of my anceſtors, that they have vis. viiid. for thyr diſport and recreation. I wull, that the ſaid covent have 100l. for performyn this dyvin ſervyce.

Alſo I wulle, that the feoffees to myn uſe, of and in the halfyndele of the manor of Baxterly, & Bently, in Warwickſhire, & in Moſele, in the lordſhyp of Kingſnorton, & in Stone, beſyd Keddermyſter, in Worceſterſhire, make a ſure eſtate unto Richard Lyttelton, my ſonne, & to the heirs of his bodie, with all chartours, muniments, & evidences concernyng the ſame.

Alſo I wulle, that he have the reverſion of the manor of Molſton, beſyde Clybery, in the county of Shrewſbury. Alſo I wull, that my ſaide ſonne, Richard, have all my ſtate, title, & intereſt, that I have in a meſſuage, in the pariſh of St. Sepulchres, of London, on the north ſyde of the ſaide church, which I holde of the abbot of Leiceſter, for term of yeres. Alſo I wull, that the feoffees, to myn uſe, of & in the manor of Spechley, in Worceſterſhire, make a ſure eſtate to my ſonne, Thomas Lyttelton, and the heirs of his body, with all chartours, &c. concernyng the ſame, and all other lands, rents, reverſions & ſervices, that I have in Spechley, Cuddeley, Bradicot, & White-lady-Aſton,

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with the lands & tenements, in Weddesbury, in com. Staffford.

I wulle, that my wyf have a basón of silver, in the myddes whereof been myn arms, and an ewer of silver, two grete saltsalers, and a kever, weying 39 ounces & ½; a standyng plaine gilt peece, with a plaine gilt kover, weying 24 ounces & ½; six bolles of silver, in the myddes of which been enameled, for her using, six monthes of the yere.—A standyng peece, with kever, weying 19 ounces & ½.—Two peeces of silver, one covering another, ye which I occupie at London; a powder-boxe of silver; a paxeborde; two cruetts, and a sakering-bell, all of silver. Also I wull, that Wiliam Lyttelton, my sonne & heire, shall have a depe washing-basón of silver, weying 41 ounces, and two saltsalers of silver, with a kever to oon of them, weying 31 ounces & ½, with another peece, all over gilt, in the myddes of which be jjj eagles, & kover, weying 33 ounces; also a lowe peece of silver, with a kover, embossed in the likenes of roses, weying 29 ounces & ½: also he shall have a dosein of my best spones. Also I wull, that my sonne, Richard, have two littel gilt saltsalers, with gilt cover to oon, now at London; also oon littel standyng peece, with a gilt kover, which hath at the foote a crown, and another on the kover, weying 22 ounces: also a standyng gilt nutt, and the best dosein of the second sort of my spones. Also I wull, that Thomas Lyttelton, my sonne, have two saltsalers of silver, weying 27 ounces; a standyng peece, weying 21 ounces, gilt, & my arms in the myddes of the same; also a boll of silver, embossed with round bosses, outward, weying 11 ounces & 3 quarters; also he shall have a dosein spones, of the third sorte.

Also I bequeth my gode littel mass-boke, and gode vestment, with the apparyl to an auter, of the same sorte of vestments which were my moder's, and also a gilt chales, I geve them to the blessed Trinite, to the use & occupation of my chapel of Frankley, in honour of our said most blessed Trinite; inasmuch as the said chapel of the blessed Trinite, and an aulter thereof, is halowed in the worshíp of the saide blessed Trinite, for to have masse songen there on Trinite-Sunday, & other high festivals, & other days, to the pleasure & honour of our saide most blessed Trinite. I wull, that a bigge cofer, and locke and key be provyded for the safe keping of these vestments & chales, within the chapel of Frankley, and the lord of Frankley for the time being, have the keping of the said key by hymself, or som true and faithful person, so that he se that the saide masse-boke, vestment, chales, & apparyl be surely kept, as he wull answer to the blessed Trinite. Also I wull, that my grete antiphoner be evermore had, & surely kept, in worshíp of God, & St. Leonard, to the use

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uſe and occupation of, and for the chapel-church of St. Leonard, of Frankley.

Alſo I wulle, that all my utenſils of myn houſhold, except ſilver plate, as beds, matraces, blanquetts, bruſhes, tables, all potts & caldrons, & all ſuch things that longith to my kechyn, after the thyrd part geven to my wyfe, be equally devided between my three ſonns.

Whereas, I have made certaigne feoffees of my manour of Tixhale, in Staffordſhir, for terme of the lif of my wif, the which manour ſhe had a jointour for terme of her lif, with me, neverthelater, my wille is, that my ſaid wif, do not hereafter trouble, vexe, ne diſturbe my will & ordenance, that I have and will mak, of & in or for certaigne lands & tenements, within the cite of Worceſter; now my will and ordenance is, that ſhe ſhal have the ſaide manour of Tixhale, with the reveniz thereof, during her lif, or els that the profitts thereof ſhall be taken and diſpoſed in alms-deeds, for my ſoul, by myn executor, or by ſuch other as I wull thereto aſſigne, during her lif.

I wull, that my three ſonns, and Sir Xtopher Goldſmyth, parſon of Bromſgrove, Sir Robert Cank, parſon of Enfield, and Robert Oxclyve, be myn executors; that the three firſt have 20l. in money, apeece, toward their increce and profitt, the latter v marks each, of money, truſting in them that they wull do their diligent labor to ſe that my will be performed; the which, as they know wele the performyng thereof in godely haſt and tym, that ſhall be to the haſty remedie of my ſoule; and the long tarying thereof, is to the retardation of the meritts of my ſoule: wherefor I wull, that everych of my ſaide ſonns, to whom my grete ſpecyal truſt is, as kind nature wull, for to performe and execute my will aforeſaid.

I wulle, that my wif have my beſt plough, & all apparyl thereto, and ten of my beſt plough-oxen, and my beſt waine; & that William Lyttelton, have my ſecond beſt waine, two ploughs, & ten oxen. Alſo I wulle, & ſpecially deſire, that all the money, debts, goods & cattells, that be myn at tym of my deth, over the coſt & expenſys of myn exequies & funeral, & over that that is bequethed by me in my lif, be ſold & diſpoſed for my ſoule, in alms & charitable deeds, that may be moſt profitable & merit to my ſoule. Alſo I wulle, that all my beeſts & quick cattel, not afore bequethed, after myn exequies and funeral, be ſold by myn executors, & to be diſpoſed as they think moſt expedient for my ſoule.

I wull & bequeth to the abbot & covent of Hales-Oweyn, a boke of myn, called *Catholicon*, to theyr own uſe for ever; & another boke of myn, wherein is contaigned, the Conſtitutions Provincial, and, *De geſtis Romanorum*, and other treatis therein, which

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which I wull be laid and bounded with an yron chayn, in ſom conveniente parte within the ſaid church, at my coſts, ſo that all preeſts & others, may ſe & rede it whenne it pleaſith them.—Alſo I wull & bequeth to Sir Richard Howſon, my preeſt, 40s. in money, and the ſame to my ſervant Hawkins. Alſo I bequeth to dame Jane, my wyf, 20l. in money, in recompenſe of a ſilver baſon, the which was ſometyme her huſband's, Sir Philip Chetwin's; to the ſaid dame Jane, my beſt habyt, that is to ſaye, my gowne, cloke, & hode. Alſo to my doughter, Elyn, my ſecond beſt habyt, in lyke forme. Alſo to Alice, my ſecond doughter, my third beſt habyt, in lyke forme. Alſo I bequeth my gloſed ſaulter to the priorie of Worceſter. Alſo I bequeth a boke, called *Faſciculus morum*, to the church of Enfield. Alſo I bequeth a boke, called *Medulla Grammatica*, to the church of Kingſnorton. Alſo I wulle, that my grete Engliſh boke, be ſold by myn executors, and the money thereof to be diſpoſed for my ſoul.

I bequeth to Thomas Lyttelton, my ſonne, a little flatte peece of ſilver, with a kover, all over gilte. Alſo to Edward Lyttelton, my godſonne, a little ſtanding goblet of ſilver, with a kover to the ſame, all over gilte. And I wull, and ſpecially deſire my mooſt betruſted lord, my lord biſhop of Worceſter, to be overſeer of this my will, to be performed, as my mooſt ſpecial truſt is in his gode lordſhip: in witneſs whereof, to this my will, I have ſett my ſeale, theeſe being witneſſes, Sir Richard Howſon, prieſt, Roger Hawkyns, Thomas Parkeſs, and others.

Written att Frankley, 22d Auguſt, the yere of our Lord Jeſu Chriſt, MCCCCLXXXI.

Dame Joan, the widow of Sir Thomas, ſurvived him, twenty-four years, and died March 22, 1505, near fourſcore, leaving a great eſtate, that came by her father, and mother (who was an heireſs) to her eldeſt ſon, Sir William.

By inquiſitions (*a*) taken after the death of Sir Thomas Lyttelton, he was found to die ſeized of the manors of Frankley, and Spechley, in com. Wigorn. of meſſuages and lands in Cuddeley, Bradicote, and White-Lady Aſton, lands in Upton-Snodſbury, in Stone, in Crowle, and in Pirton; the manors of Moſeley, and of Couleſdon, all in the county of Worceſter. He was alſo found to die ſeized of the manors of Areley, of Tixhale, and twelve houſes in the city of Litchfield, all in the county of Stafford; and of the manor of Creſſedge, in Shropſhire.

By inquiſition taken after the death of dame Joan, his widow, ſhe is found to have held, at her death, the manors of Broomcroft, Baldcote, Merkton, Mounſlowe, Henlegh, Tugford, Brocton, Aldon, Thangland, Affecote, and Alcamſton; with lands and tenements

(*a*) Eſcaetria in turre 21 Ed. IV. N°. 55. Wigorn.

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tenements in Wormcote, Abbedon, Winſtantowe, Bromfeld, Cokerich, Walton, Rowthal, Hulton, Dedylbury, Aſton, Bodenhope, and the chapel of Merſton, all in the county of Salop, and that Sir William Lyttelton, is her heir *(a)*.

William Lyttelton was knighted by Henry VII. at the battle of Stoke, for bringing aid againſt the earl of Lincoln. He married two wives; 1. Ellen, (the widow of Thomas Fielding, Eſq;) daughter and coheir of William Walſh, of Wanlip, in Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; (by Mary, his wife, the daughter and coheir of Richard Byron, of Clayton, in Lancaſhire, Eſq;) by whom he had one daughter, viz. Joan, the wife of Sir John Aſton, of Haywood, in Staffordſhire, (immediate anceſtor to the preſent lord Aſton,) by which match, Tixhale, and Wanlip, came into the Aſton family. His ſecond wife was, Mary, daughter of William Whittington, of Pantley, in Glouceſterſhire, Eſq; by Elizabeth, his wife, the daughter of Renifrede Arundel, Eſq; of the noble houſe of Lanhern, in Cornwall: by her, he had one ſon, viz. John, and one daughter, the wife of Thomas Rouſe, of Ragley, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; Sir William, was the firſt of the family who bore his arms with a ſupporter; it ſeems, an honourable addition, but upon what occaſion it was given him, is uncertain. He was undoubtedly, a benefactor to the abby-church of Great-Malvern, for there remains, at this day, a portrait of him, finely painted, in a window, arrayed in armour, with a tabart of his arms, and his name inſcribed under it.

He died at Frankley, in Dec. 1507, aged ſixty-five, and by his will *(b)*, bequeaths his body to be buried within the monaſtery of Halys-Owen, before the image of the virgin Mary, nigh the place and grave, where his firſt wife lay buried. He ſettled on Mary, his wife, the manors of Frankley, and Couleſdon, in Worceſterſhire; Ridgeakur, in Salop, and Over-Areley, in Staffordſhire; leaves her the greateſt part of his perſonal eſtate, and farther entitles her to dower in his whole eſtate, over and above the great ſettlement abovementioned: orders that a prieſt pray for his ſoul, ſeven years after his death, likewiſe to ſay, *Placebo & Dirige*, the day of his anniverſary, with other annual obit ſervices, for all which, he is to have eight marks per ann. the ſaid divine ſervice to be performed in the chapel of St. Leonard, at Frankley, to which he bequeaths his velvet gown, for a cope and veſtment. He ſettles all his other lands, in truſt, for the uſe of his ſon, and appoints him 20l. per ann. towards his exhybition, and fynding, till he come of age: gives 500 marks, in portion, to his daughter Elizabeth, if ſhe marries with her mother's conſent. Moreover, he orders, that his obit be perform'd every year, in the monaſtery of Halesowen, and his executors to pay 13s. 4d. for it. Wills, that

(a) MSS. Lyttelton. *(b)* A. Dean. qu. 32 in prerog. offic.

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that John Smith have the keeping of his park, at Frankley, during life, and all his ſervants a year's wages, at their departure. He leaves his two tawney gowns, lined with black ſarſnett, to two of his ſervants. He gives 6s. 8d. to the collegiate church of Worceſter.—Laſtly, he directs his executors to procure a marble ſtone, with two images and ſculptures according, to be laid over him, and Ellyn, his firſt wife, when God ſhall do his mind with him.

John, his ſon and heir, endowed his family (ſays Mr. Abingdon) with abundance of noble blood, by having in marriage, Elizabeth, the daughter and coheir of Sir Gilbert Talbot, of Grafton, in Worceſterſhire, by Joan Beaufort, one of the *(a)* daughters and coheirs of Edmund, earl of Somerſet, ſon of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter, in right of whom, Lyttelton, and his poſterity, have lawfully quartered the arms of England, within a border gobonè; by whom he had ſeven ſons, and two daughters, viz. 1. John: 2. Edward, nick-named Long Edward, who married lady Elizabeth Talbot, widow of Sir John Talbot, his mother's near relation: 3. Gilbert: 4. Anthony, of Salford-Abbots, in Warwickſhire: 5. Roger, of Groveley, in Worceſterſhire, from whom, by Elizabeth, his wife, the daughter of John Stanley, of Weſt-Bromwich, Eſq; are deſcended, the preſent Lyttletons, of Kings-Norton: 6. George, counſellor at law, who died 1600, and lies buried under a ſumptuous monument, in the church of Bromſgrove: 7. Thomas. Of the daughters, Margaret, the elder, died unmarried. Anne, was the wife of Edward Newport, of Hanley-Williams, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; *(b)*

This John Lyttelton, departed this life, at his ſeat at Frankley, May 17th, 1532, aged thirty-two, and by his will *(c)*, orders his body to be interr'd in the church-porch of the pariſh-church of Halesowen, to which church, he bequeaths 26s. 8d. to the mother-church of Worceſter, 3s. 4d. to the chapel of Frankley, 3l. 6s. 4d. his ſoul to Allmighty God, to our Lady, St. Mary, and all the holye company of heven.—He leaves to his ſon John, his ryng of golde, with the ſeale of his arms thereon, to the ſaid John, a chales, and all the chapel ſtuffe, bequeathed by his grandfathyr, unto the Trinite of Frankley, 16 kyne, a bull, 10 oxen, &c. provided that his wyfe have the rule, uſe, and governing of the ſaid ſtuff, till he come to the age of 24. He farther leaves to his wyfe, all ſuch chayns of gold, jewels, rings, and all her other apparyl belonging to her bodye: gives all his ſervants 40s. over and above their wages: appoints, that his executor pay 6l. per an. to a preſte, to ſing for his ſoul, five years after hys death, and 5l. per an. to Edward Street, his chaplyn, to pray for his ſoul,—gives his

(a) Collins's Life of John of Gaunt, duke of Lancaſter. p. 87. (b) MSS. Lyttelton. (c) In prerog. offic.

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his daughters 300 marks each, for their portions, and 800 marks to be divided among his younger ſons, together with the rents and profitts of his manor of Sheriffs-Naunton, and his eſtate in Couleſdon, Pipulton, and Upton-Snodſbury: ſettled on his wife the manors of Frankley and Couleſdon, lands and ſalt-works in Droitwich, all in Worceſterſhire, together with his manor of Creſſedge, and Rudgeacre, in the county of Salop.

By inquiſitions *(a)* after his death, he was found to die ſeiz'd of the ſame eſtate as ſpecified in the inquiſition, after his father's death, abovementioned, together with lands and tenements in South-Lyttelton and Pirton, and was warden of Elmly-caſtle, in Worceſterſhire, in right of his manor of Naunton.

John, his eldeſt ſon and heir, was under age at his father's death. The king granted the wardſhip of him to Sir John Pakington, Knt. who married him to Bridget, his daughter and coheir; by which match, Mr. Lyttelton, greatly increaſed his fortune, and was enabled to rebuild, in a magnificent manner, his houſe at Frankley, alſo to purchaſe a very fair eſtate at Halesowen, and Hagley, and Preſtwood, for hunting ſeats.

1553, Queen Mary granted him *(b)* the office of governorſhip of Dudley-caſtle, together with the rangerſhip of the old and new parks there; made him cuſtos of the lodges, with a right of paunage, herbage, warrenage, in the whole manor of Dudley, together with a ſalary for his life. The ſame year he was choſe knight of the ſhire for the county of Worceſter, and ſerved the office of high ſheriff of that county, once in that reign, and twice in Q. Elizabeth's *(c)*. Tho' a papiſt, yet he enjoyed places of honour and truſt under Queen Elizabeth *(d)*, being of the council of the marches of Wales, deputy-lieutenant and cuſtos rotulorum of Worceſterſhire, and in the commiſſion of the peace for that county, and Stafford. An. 1566, Queen Elizabeth knighted him, with other gentlemen of great diſtinction, at Kenilworth-caſtle, when, her majeſty honour'd Dudley, earl of Leiceſter, with her preſence there.

Sir John, died at Frankley, Feb. 15, 1589-90, in the ſixty-ninth year of his age, and was buried, agreeable to his laſt will, in the pariſh-church of Halesowen.

He had iſſue, by Bridget his wife, ſix ſons and four daughters: 1. Gilbert: 2. William, who eſpouſed Margaret, only daughter and heir of Richard Smyth, of Shireford, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; and died before the age of conſummation: 3. George, ſettled at Holbeach, in Staffordſhire, who married his brother's widow: John, Robert, and Francis, who all died unmarried. Of the daughters, Elizabeth, was the wife of Francis Willoughby, of Wollaton, in Nottinghamſhire,

(a) MSS. Lyttelton. (b) Ibid. (c) Fuller's catalogue of ſheriffs, Wigorn. (d) MSS. Lyttelton

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tinghamſhire, Eſq; (from whom the lord Middleton is deſcended:) Margaret, the wife of Samuel Marrow, of Berkſwell, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; Amphilis, the wife of William Barneby, of Bockelton, Eſq; and Frances, the youngeſt, who died unmarried.

By ſeveral inquiſitions *(a)* taken after his death, he appear'd to have died, ſeized of the manor and advowſon, with the rectory impropriate of Over-Areley, the manor of Clent, of Preſtwood, Holbeach-houſe, lands in Sedgely, and in Kenfare, by the ſervice of keeping the hay of Aſhwood, all in the county of Stafford; of the manor and chapel of Frankley, the manor and advowſon of Hagley, the manor and advowſon of Old-Swinford, and five hamlets thereunto belonging; of the manors of Cradely, and Wareley-Wigorn, in Halesowen; of the manors of Woodcote, Dyers and Tymberhanger, and Pinton-fields, all in Bromſgrove; of the manor of Grovely, in Cofton; lands in Northfield, in Salwarpe, in Elmbridge, boilleries of ſalt in Droitwich, with the great tithes of Wolverly, all in the county of Worceſter. He is found likewiſe, to have died ſeized of the ſcite of the late diſſolved monaſtery of Halesowen, and of the ſeveral manors of Hales-Borough, Romeſley, Ludley, and Oldbury, together with thirteen townſhips or hamlets, in the ſaid pariſh of Halesowen, with the rectory impropriate of Hales, Warley, St. Kenelm, in Kenelmſtowe, and advowſon of the vicarage of Hales, and St. Kenelm; of the manor and advowſon, with the rectory impropriate of Higley, all in the county of Salop; of divers lands and tenements in Lanyhangel, and Kevenlis, in Landewye, Stradennye, and Mantel, all in the county of Radnor *(b)*.

Gilbert, his ſon and heir, ſerv'd in parliament for Worceſterſhire *(c)*, 13 and 14 Eliz. and was high ſheriff, the 26th of that reign. He took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Humphrey Coningſby, of Hampton-court, in Herefordſhire, Eſq; (lineal anceſtor to the late earl Coningſby,) by whom he had three ſons and one daughter; 1. John, his heir: 2. Humphrey; 3. Gilbert, who both died unmarried. Anne, his only daughter, was the wife of Sir Thomas Cornwal, the great baron of Burford. He died in the White-Fryers, London, June 1, 1599, in the fifty-ninth year of his age, and was interr'd with his anceſtors, in the pariſh-church of Halesowen.

By ſeveral inquiſitions *(d)*, he is found to die ſeized of a very large eſtate, viz. all the lands and manors ſpecified in the inquiſition, after the death of Sir John, abovementioned; and moreover, was ſeiz'd of the manors of Shireford, of Fletchampſtede, and of Newbold; of Eyſinghill, and Kirkley, of Kingſcote, of Stretton-Baſkerville, with the advowſon thereof; together with lands

(a) MSS. Lyttelton. *(b)* Original in Rolls chapel. *(c)* MSS. Lyttelton. *(d)* Ibid.

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lands and tenements in Cheping-Dercett, in Temple-Grafton, in Weſton ſubtus Wethele, in Awſley, Billingſley, Cowndon, and Brinklowe, and in Attilborough, all in the county of Warwick; of the manors of Hide, and Hinkley, of lands and tenements in Wigſton, and Loughborough, all in the county of Leiceſter; as alſo of lands and tenements in Oneley, and Barby, in the county of Northampton.

John Lyttelton (*a*), his eldeſt ſon, ſat in parliament for Worceſterſhire, the 27th Eliz. his father and grandfather then living, and in two other parliaments of the ſame reign. Being a man much reſpected for his wit and valour, (as Camden witneſſeth) and a roman catholick, he was courted by lord Eſſex, and his party, and in ſome meaſure drawn in by Sir Charles Davers, to that conſpiracy which coſt Eſſex his head, and Lyttelton his eſtate; for he was tried and condemned for high treaſon, at the king's-bench bar, Weſtminſter, Feb. 20, 160$\frac{0}{1}$.

The evidence on which the jury convicted him, was very ſlender, to amount to high treaſon; for it was proved that Mr. Lyttelton came to Drury-houſe, at the cloſe of a treaſonable conſultation (*b*). He was charged, indeed, to have deſign'd ſome miſchief and ſedition, by the great number of horſes, and quantity of arms that he had in his Inn. He anſwer'd, That his eſtate was able to maintain good ſtore of horſes, and that he always delighted in arms and horſes. Being condemned, he ſaid no more, but lifting up his eyes to heaven, 'We praiſe thee, O God, we acknow-
'ledge thee to be the Lord.'

Sir Walter Ralegh, was at that time, in great power at court, and was remarkably warm in proſecuting lord Eſſex, and his unfortunate companions, to the utmoſt rigour of the law: a very large ſum of money, indeed, ſoftned him, with regard to Mr. Lyttelton, and Mr. Bainham, another of the conſpirators; for he ſaved their lives, but not their eſtates. The following moſt excellent letter, wrote by Lyttelton, from the dungeon in Newgate, to Sir Walter, ſhews the greatneſs of Mr. Lyttelton's mind, and deſerved far better at the hands of Sir Walter Ralegh.

SIR,

'IT is not worthy the virtue and honour you profeſſe, to perſe-
'cute perſons fallen into misfortunes. Yf heretofore you
'have borne me cawſeleſſe diſpleaſure, now, of all others, is the
'time leſte ſeaſonable to ſhew it. Remember, Sir, what it is to
'be truely noble, and how it agreeth not with generous hartes,
'to delite to trample upon dejected fortunes. It is now in your
'power to do me good or ill offices; if you do me ill, you ſhall
'wrong

(*a*) Life of this John Lyttelton, in ſupplemental lives to Bayle, p. 121. (*b*) Camden's Eliz.

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'wrong your own reputation; if you do me good, you ſhall give 'me cauſe to be thankfull.—There is allready, between your ſon 'and me, one tye in blood and nature; I could be contente you 'did now double the knott, with offices of love and friendſhip. 'To begge your favour in the ſtate I ſtand, were too much baſe-'neſs; to refuſe it, were arrogancy and indiſcretion; but to re-'quire you to do me no harm, is but juſtice, and that one gentle-'man, of right, oweth to another: what conſtruction you will 'make of this, or what is now meet to be done, I muſt referr 'to your own judgment: and ſo, I end.

J. LYTTELTON. (a)

This unfortunate gentleman was removed from Newgate, to the king's-bench priſon, in Southwark, where he died, the 25th of July, an. 1601, in his thirty-ninth year, and was interr'd in the church of St. George, in that borough. He left iſſue, by Meriel, his wife (daughter of Sir Thomas Bromley, lord high-chancellor of England) three ſons and five daughters; 1. Thomas: 2. John, who was adjutant to the earl of Southampton, in the Netherlands, and captain of horſe: 3. Edward, who both died unmarried. Of the daughters, Elizabeth, and Joan, died young: Bridget, the third, was the wife of Sir Robert Tracy, of Toddington, in Glouceſterſhire, Knt. (great-grandfather to the preſent lord viſcount Tracy.) Anne, the fourth, the wife of Edward Lyttelton, Eſq; afterward lord keeper of the great ſeal, and baron Lyttelton.

On Queen Elizabeth's death, King James, willing to do an act of mercy, at his firſt coming to the crown, granted back the whole eſtate which John had forfeited, to Meriel, his widow, and his children; and an act of parliament paſſed, the firſt ſeſſions of King James, for reverſing the attainder of John Lyttelton, and reſtoring the blood of his iſſue. Mr. Abingdon, in his MS hiſtory of Worceſterſhire (b), gives the following character of Mr. Lyttelton: 'John Lyttelton, a man of that undaunted ſpi-'rit, as he trampled over all afflictions, ſcorning, as duſt, his 'large revenues, and with that reſignation and ſubmiſſion to Al-'mighty God, as he eſteem'd himſelf not a man, but a worm; 'of all which, I being an eye-witneſs, do hope, that this heyre of 'the worthy judge, hath ſo acquitted himſelf at the tribunal of 'our Eternal Judge, that his faults and imperfections being 'waſhed away with the blood of Chriſt, he poſſeſſethe never-end-'ing felicitye: and I wiſh, theaſe my poor lines, were a tomb of 'braſs, to celebrate his memorial.'

Meriel,

(a) Supplemental lives to Bayle, in the life of this gentleman; (b) In Coll. Jeſus, Ox.

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Meriel, his widow, ſurvived him twenty-eight years, and died at Hagley, in April, 1630, where ſhe lies buried.

Thomas Lyttelton, Eſq; his eldeſt ſon, was choſe knight of the ſhire for Worceſterſhire, in the two laſt parliaments of K. James I. and three others of King Charles. In the eleventh of the former king, he ſerv'd the office of high ſheriff of the county of Stafford: he was knighted at Whitehall, an. 1618, the July before having been created a baronet.

Upon the breaking out of the civil war, he adhered to the king's party, the county of Worceſter, being wholly in his majeſty's intereſt. Sir Thomas, had the chief military commands in the ſaid county: an. 1642, he was firſt commiſſioner of array, and colonel of all the horſe and foot raiſed in Worceſterſhire.

An. 1645, he was taken at Bewdley, by the parliament forces, and confined in the tower; while his eſtate was put under heavy ſequeſtration, and his ſeat at Frankley, garriſon'd by Prince Rupert, who, being forced to diſlodge, burnt it to the ground, with all the furniture, and many of the family-evidences, to prevent the enemy from making the like uſe of it. Sir Thomas, got his liberty, after ſome years cloſe confinement; but died ſoon after, viz. Feb. 22, 1650, at Newcaſtle-houſe, in Clerkenwell, and was interr'd in Worceſter-cathedral, next to his anceſtor, judge Littleton.

He had iſſue, by Catherine his wife, daughter and ſole heir of Sir Thomas Crompton, of Hounſlowe, in Middleſex, and of Driffield, in com. Ebor. Knt. (by Meriel, ſiſter of Sir Henry Cary, viſcount Falkland) twelve ſons and four daughters, viz. John, Horatio, Henry, Thomas, another Henry, Edward, Charles, Conſtantine, William, Arthur, Ferdinando, and George. His daughters were, Catherine, Mary, Anne, and another Catherine. The two eldeſt ſons were drown'd by accident, at Magdalen-college, in Oxford, in the chapel whereof, under a very fair monument, they lie interr'd, on which is the following epitaph, written by their father:

Johannes et Thomas
Lyttelton,
Eximiæ Spei Adoleſcentuli,
Thomæ Lyttelton, Militis &
Baronetti, ex Lectiſſima juxta
Atque mæſtiſſima Dna. Catherina
Conjuge, Filii natu majores hic
Obdormiſcunt. Quos innoxie
Obambulantes in Campo, minorem
Lubricus Pes in Undam miſit,
Majorem Pietas ſua,
Sic auſum repetere Fratrem, &
Infelici hoc quaſi compendio,

Totam

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Totam explicantem Indolem
Invicem fligranter complexos,
Una mortis Horula abſorpſit,
Duro & præpropero Fato.
Diem ſuum obierunt Alter xvii
Alter xiii Annos nati,
Maii nono MDCXXXV.
Neſcis quâ Horâ
Vigila.

In Cowley's works, we have an elegy on theſe two unfortunate youths. Henry, Arthur, and Horatio, died young: another Henry, was heir to his father. Edward, was kill'd in a duel, at Worceſter, and buried in the cathedral there. Conſtantine, married a daughter of Judge Jones, and died in Jamaica. Charles, heir to his brother. William, was gentleman-uſher to the Queen of Bohemia, and captain of horſe. Ferdinando, was groom of the bedchamber to the duke of York, and had a regiment of horſe in the French king's army, on the Rhine, in the reign of Charles II. and loſt his life there, in an engagement. George, the youngeſt, was major, in Prince George of Denmark's regiment: he married Elizabeth, daughter of the famous Sir Thomas Brown, of Norwich, and died without iſſue, 1712, and was interr'd in St. George's chapel, at Windſor. The daughters all died unmarried.

A handſome marble monument was erected to the memory of Sir Thomas, and his lady, in Worceſter-cathedral, on which is the following inſcription *(a)*, on a black marble tablet, fix'd to the wall, and rail'd in:

Near this Place, under
A black Stone, lies interred
The Body of Sir Thomas Lyttelton,
Of Frankley, in the County of
Worceſter, Knt. and Bart. who died
In the Year of our Lord, 1649-50,
Aged fifty-ſeaven Yeares.
And under the ſame Stone, alſo
The Body of Dame Catherine
Lyttelton, his Wife, Daughter
And ſole Heire of Sir Thomas
Crompton, in the County of
York, Knt. who died in the
Year of our Lord, 1666,
Aged ſixty-ſeaven Yeares.

On a grave-ſtone, underneath the monument of Sir Thomas Lyttelton, is this inſcription, in capital letters:

Let

(*a*) Thomas's ſurvey Worc. cathedral, p. 115.

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Let no Man ſlight
His Mortalitie.
A°. 1649.

Theſe Words were appointed to be hereon inſcrib'd, by Sir Thomas Lyttelton, of Frankley, in the County of Worceſter, Knt. and Bart. who died the 22 of Feb. 1649-50, and was buried under this Stone, together with Dame Catherine, his Wife, who died the 24 of June, 1666, full of Yeares and good Workes.

On the monument, are the arms of Lyttelton, impaling Crompton, namely, Gules, a Feſs, between three Lions, rampant, Or; tho' erroneouſly, for the Feſs ſhould be wavy *(a)*, with the Supporter and Creſt cut out in marble.

Sir Henry Lyttelton, Bart. the fifth, but eldeſt ſurviving ſon, ſucceeded his father. He went in to King Charles II. at the head of a troop of horſe, (all his own tenants and dependants,) at the fight of Worceſter, where he was taken priſoner, by Cromwell, and confined in the Tower, but ſoon procured his enlargement; for he ſerv'd the office of high ſheriff of Worceſterſhire, an. 1655, under the protector.

After the reſtoration, he was choſe member of parliament for the city of Litchfield, and repreſented that, and the borough of Bewdley, in future parliaments.

He married two wives, viz. Philadelphia, daughter and coheir of Thomas Cary, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Robert, earl of Monmouth, by whom he had no iſſue: ſhe died, Aug. 2, 1663. His ſecond wife was, lady Elizabeth Newport, eldeſt daughter of Francis, earl of Bradford, who likewiſe brought him no iſſue. She ſurvived Sir Henry, above thirty years, and was married again, viz. to Edward Harvey, of Combe, in Surry, Eſq;

Sir Henry *(b)*, departed this life at Over-Areley, (where he chiefly reſided) the 24th June, 1693, aged ſixty-nine, and was buried in that church, where is erected, a very handſome monument to his memory, on which is the following inſcription:

In the Vault beneath, is interred the Body of Sir Henry Lyttelton, Barronet, of Frankley, in the County of Worceſter, who died the 24th of June, 1693, aged 69 Years. He was firſt married to Mrs. Philadelphia Cary, one of the Daughters and Coheires of Mr Thomas Cary, Son of the Earl of Monmouth; and after her Death, to the hon. Mrs. Elizabeth Newport, Daughter of Francis, Lord Viſcount Newport, of Bradford, in Shropſhire, to whoſe Memory, this Monument is erected, by his Brother and Heir, Sir Charles Lyttelton, Knt. and Bart.

(*a*) Viſit. Yorkſhire, 1663, ſub. tit. Crompton. (*b*) Boyle's ſupplemental lives.

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In the Chancel of this Church, lies alſo buried, his Brother, Captain William Lyttelton, and his beloved Nephew, Henry Lyttelton, eldeſt Son of Sir Charles Lyttelton.

Lady Philadelphia, his firſt wife, was interr'd in the church of Tunbridge, in Kent, under a plain monument, on which is the following inſcription, wrote by Dr. Alleſtree, provoſt of Eaton.

H. S. J.
Philadelphia Lyttelton,
Fortunæ Corporis, Animæ Dotibus
(Quantum capit Mortalitas)
Illuſtris.
In Thalamis Virgo,
In Urbe Matrona,
In Aula, demum ipſa Chriſtiana.
Nulliba honeſtius Forma,
Nec pulcrius Virtus habitabat.
Inter profligatos iniquiſſimi temporis mores
Candorem, Modeſtiam, Pietatem, Fidem,
Profiteri auſa eſt, & colere:
Tanto melior, quo malis propior
Dolendum interim
Quod quæ inter ignes nives,
Et Morbos incolumitatem retinuit
Mediis in aquis flammas
Et Vitæ præſidiis mortem reperit:
Siquidem
Ad Tunbrigenſes Fontes
Ardente correptâ Febri,
Immortalitate digna, & Deo Matura
Ad Cæleſtem Aulam tranſiit
Menſis Aug. Die 2°. Anno 1663,
Ætat. 32.
Sereniſſimæ Catharinæ Angliæ Reginæ
A privata Camerâ
Henrici Lyttelton
In Agro Wigorn. Baronetti
Uxor:
Thomæ Cary,
Roberti Comitis Monumethen. F.
Et
Sereniſſimo Carolo I. a Cubiculo
Filia natu major
Et
Ex. Semiſſe Hæres.

Sir Charles Lyttelton, Bart. (brother and heir to Sir Henry,) took to arms, early in his youth, and during the civil wars, was at the ſiege of Colcheſter. Soon after the ſurrender of that town, he went into France, to the king, where he ſtaid till about the time of Sir

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Sir George Booth's rising: how considerable a share he had, (young as he was,) in that attempt to restore the King, may be seen by the following passage, out of lord Mordaunt's letter to the King, on that business (*a*):

Lord Mordaunt, to the King.

'Charles Lyttelton, landed here yesterday; I cannot forbear 'doing him the right, to assure your majesty, no person appear'd 'more considerably, (Sir George Booth, only accepted,) than he; 'and he had undoubtedly carried Shrewsbury, but that one mis-'fortune upon another happen'd.'

That design miscarrying, he was taken prisoner, and confined in the gatehouse, at Westminster, but soon obtaining his liberty, he returned to the King, and served him in a private capacity, with more success than he had in a publick one; for it appears, by many letters in the Ormond collection, that he was employ'd on many secret and important messages, between the King, and his friends in England, just preceding the restoration: and how favourably Sir Edward Hyde, (afterwards earl of Clarendon,) thought of him, appears by the following letter:

Sir Edward Hyde, to the marquis of Ormond.

'Colonel Whitley, tells me, that Charles Lyttelton, is gone 'post to the King, from Calais, with letters from my lord Mor-'daunt. I shall not need to desire you to make very much of 'Charles Lyttelton, who is a very worthy young man (*b*).—— 'Brussels, 1659.'

In 1662, he was knighted, and went with the lord Windsor, to Jamaica, and was left there sole governor: he was afterwards appointed colonel of the duke of York's regiment, and distinguish'd himself at the great fight of Solebay: he was a commander likewise at the siege of Maestricht. In 1673, he was appointed governor of Sheerness, and Landguard-fort; was commissioner of prizes, and had other places of less note, in the reign of King Charles II. Under King James II. he had the command of the princess of Denmark's regiment, and was brigadier-general, till the revolution, when, he resign'd all his places, on account of the oaths, and retir'd to his house, at Sheen, till his brother's death, when, he settled at Hagley, for the rest of his life.

He married two wives; first, Catherine, (widow of Mr. Lister,) daughter of Sir William Fairfax, of Steeton, in Yorkshire, Knt. by whom he had one son, who, with his mother, died in Jamaica, and were both interr'd in the Red church, on that island, to whose memory, a monument was erected, but destroy'd, (together with the church,) in the great earthquake, an. 1692, on which was inscrib'd the following epitaph:

M. S.

Hic jacet Catharina Lyttelton, Filia D. D. Gul. Fairfax, de Steeton, in Comitatu Eboracensi, Equitis Aurati,

(*a*) Carte's Letters, 8vo. vol. II. p. 227. (*b*) Ibid. p. 282.

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Aurati, Uxor D. D. Caroli Lyttelton, Equitis Aurati, & in Jamaicâ Vice-gubernatoris.
Obiit Januar. 26, 1662.

His second wife was, Anne, daughter of Thomas Temple, of Frankton, in Warwickshire, Esq; (and coheir to her brother, Richard Temple, Esq;) by Rebecca, the daughter of Sir Nicholas Carew, of Beddington, in Surry, Knt. by whom he had five sons, and eight daughters, viz. Henry, and Charles, who died young; another Henry, who was captain of horse, and died unmarried; another Charles, who took to wife, Anne, widow of Sir Edward Sebright, Bart. daughter and heir of Thomas Saunders, of Beechwood, in Hertfordshire, Esq; by whom he had no issue: he died Aug. 16, 1712, and was buried at Over-Areley. Thomas, the fifth and last son, who is the present baronet. Of the daughters, Anne, Elizabeth, and Anne-Charlotte, died young: Catherine, now living, unmarried: Cary, wife of Sir Theophilus Biddulph, of Elmhurst, in Staffordshire, Bart. (she died April 18, 1741:) Mary, widow of William Plowden, of Plowden, in Shropshire, Esq; now living: Anne, the wife of Joseph Amphlett, of Clent, in Staffordshire, Esq; who died 1715: Octavia, who died unmarried.

Sir Charles, lived to a good old age, enjoying his health and senses perfect, and died at Hagley, May 2, 1716, in his eighty-seventh year, and was buried at Over-Areley, to whose memory, a plain black marble stone was erected, without arms or decorations, on which is inscrib'd the following epitaph:

In Memory of Sir Charles Lyttelton, Knt. and Bart. who departed this Life the 2d of May, 1716, in the 87 Year of his age.
This humble Monument was set up by his particular and express Direction, in his last Will.

His lady survived him two years, dying, Aug. 27, 1718.

Sir Thomas Lyttelton, the present baronet, has been chose in three parliaments for the county of Worcester, and was representative in the last parliament for the borough of Camelford, in Cornwall: he was one of the lords commissioners for executing the office of high-admiral of Great-Britain, to which, he was appointed, in May, 1727, and so continu'd till 1741, when he resign'd.

He married Christian, maid of honour to Q. Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Temple, of Stowe, in Bucks, Bart. (by Mary, daughter and coheir of——Knap, of Weston, in Oxfordshire, Esq;) and sister to the present lord viscount Cobham, by whom he has had six sons, and as many daughters, viz. George, the eldest, member in the last, and present parliament, for Okehampton, in Devon, and principal secretary to his royal highness the prince of Wales, who is unmarried; Thomas, who died April 16, 1729, being then page of honour to the princess-royal: Charles, of the Middle-Temple: Richard, dead: another Richard, page of honour to her late majesty Q. Caroline, who, in Feb. 1740-1, was appointed Capt. of marines in Col. Jeffrey's regiment; and William-Henry. Of the daughters, Christian, the eldest, is the wife of Thomas Pitt, of Boconnock, in Cornwall, Esq;

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Mary,

Mary, Penelope, and Amelia, dead: Anne, and Hester, both living unmarried.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Escallops, Sable *(a)*.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Moor's Head in profile, coup'd proper, a dexter Hand piercing the Moor's Mouth, issuant de Sang. *N. B.* This Hand has of late been omitted. The most ancient Crest of the Family, (born by Thomas Lutteliton, grandfather to the judge) was a Greyhound's Head, collar'd. Some of his posterity, about the time of Henry VIII. gave a Dragon's Head eras'd, Argent, langued Gules, gorged with a Laurel Garland, vert.

SUPPORTER: A Triton, or Merman, with his Trident, all proper.

MOTTO: *Ung Dieu, ung roy.*

SEATS: At *Hagley-hall*, in *Worcestershire*; and at *Over-Areley*, in *Staffordshire*.

35. BURDET, of Bramcote, Warwickshire.

(THOMAS, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Feb. 25, 1618.

THE first of this family was, Hugh Burdet, who came into England with William the conqueror, anno 1066 *(b)*, who bore for his coat armour, Azure, two Bars, Or: he left issue, William Burdet, lord of Lousby, in com. Leic. *(c)* who founded the priory at Aucote, near Seckingdon, in com. War. temp. Hen. II. to expiate the murder of his wife, committed at his return from the Holy Land; the occasion is said to be thus *(d)*; That the said William Burdet, being both a valiant and devout man, made a journey to the Holy Land, for subduing of the infidels in those parts, and that his steward, whilst he was thus absent, sollicited the chastity of his lady, who resisted those his uncivil attempts, with much scorn; whereupon, he grew so full of envy towards her, that so soon as he had advertisement of his master's arrival again in England, he went to meet him, and to shadow his own foul crime, complained to him of her looseness with others;

(a) In the Visit. of Salop, there is an atchievement of 84 coats, which this family have a right of quartering; namely, Somerset, Somery, Beauchamp, Talbot, Berkley, Hastings, Paston, D'abitot, Lisle, Holland, Nevile, Grey, and other noble families. *(b)* Taken from an original pedigree, attested by Richard St. George, Clarenceux, and Henry St. George, Richmond, now in the possession of the present Sir Robert Burdet, Bart. *(c)* Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 846 and 1129, edit. 1730. *(d)* Ibid. p. 1129.

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which falſe accuſation ſo enraged her huſband, that when he came home, and that ſhe approach'd to receive him with joyful embraces, he forthwith mortally ſtabb'd her.

Of this ſtory, related by Sir William Dugdale *(a)*, tho' there is nothing but tradition, yet, that he was founder of the monaſtery at Aucote, is moſt certain; and doubtleſs, that monument is for him, which was under an arch in the wall, on the north ſide of the church, at Aucote, a plain freeſtone covering the coffin, (wherein his body reſteth) curiouſly emboſs'd, with the ſculpture of a large croſs. In 12 Henry II. he was certify'd to hold half a knight's fee, of William de Beauchamp *(b)*, (of Elmſley) *de vet. feoffment.* He was alſo a witneſs to a charter of Robert, earl of Leiceſter, to the monks of Comb, whereby he confirm'd the foundation of that monaſtery, (ſeated within his fee) and gave to the nuns of Poleſworth, certain lands call'd Coppenhull; which Hugh, his ſon, confirm'd, who married Matilda de Sumeri, and was father to another Sir William Burdet, Knt. *(c)*

Which Sir William, with Richard de Mundeville, and the ſheriff of the county, were, in 36 Henry III. commiſſioners for aſſeſſing a tallage upon all the king's demeſnes, within the counties of Warwick and Leiceſter; and bore for his arms, Azure, two Bars, Or, as by the impreſſion of his ſeal, and other authorities appeareth, within the compaſs whereof, the Creſcent and Star, are put as a badge of his ſervice, in the Holy Land.

He gave to the monks of Aucote, 12d. yearly rent, iſſuing out of a tenement there, for the maintenance of a lamp in the church of our Lady, and St. Blaze, at Aucote, before the altar of the bleſſed virgin, for the health of his own ſoul, of his wife, Alice, and their anceſtors; and when he lay upon his death-bed, beſtow'd on them half a yard land, with a water-mill, lying in Radclive. He left iſſue three ſons; Hugh, father of William: Sir Richard Burdet, Knt. lord of Louſeby and Newton, in com. Leic. and William Burdet, from whom, the Burdets, of Allington, were deſcended, whoſe heir general, Jane, married to Thomas Harvey, of Elmſthorpe, in com. Leic. Sir Richard, left iſſue, James, John, Sir Richard, and William Burdet, of Louſeby, who was living 42 Henry III.

This William, had iſſue four ſons; 1. Richard Burdet, of Newton-Burdet and Louſeby, in com. Leic. who died 6 Edw. I. (father to William, ſlain at Dundee, in Scotland, 11 Ed. I. *(d)* father to John, father to Elizabeth, who, as heir general, conveyed, by marriage, the manor of Louſeby *(e)*, to her huſband, Thomas Aſhby, Eſq; whoſe deſcendants poſſeſſed the ſame.) 2. Hugh.

3.

(a) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 1129. (b) Lib. Rub. f. 99. b. (c) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 846. (d) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 202. (e) Ibid. p. 183.

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3. Robert Burdet, one of the juſtices for the goal-delivery, at Warwick, from 11 Edw. I. to the twentieth of that king's reign, who died without iſſue, in 31 Edw. I. and left his manor of Huncote, in com. Leic. to his nephew *(a)*, Robert, hereafter named.

4. William Burdet, of Shepey, and Coſby, in com. Leiceſt. he bore for his arms, Azure, two Barrs, and three Mullets, in chief, Or. He was one of the knights of that ſhire, in the parliament held in 25 Edw. I. *(b)* whoſe heir general, Agnes, about the reign of Richard II. or Henry IV. became the wife of William Shepey.

As for Hugh, laſt named, he bore for his arms, three Martlets, charg'd upon the upper Bar, as a filial diſtinction, leaving iſſue, Sir Robert Burdet, his ſon and heir, who added three more Martlets on the other Bar.

Which Sir Robert, was the firſt that ſettled at Arrow, in com. Warw. a manor which came to him in right of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter and heir to Sir Gerard de Camville, with whom, he had alſo a large inheritance, as the *(c)* lordſhip of Sekingdon, and divers other lands. In 14 Edw. II. he ſerv'd in the parliament held at Weſtminſter, as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Warwick; and in 17 Edw. II. was one of the commiſſioners for the goal-delivery at Warwick; in 18 Edw. II. one of the knights for Leiceſterſhire, in the parliament then held *(d)*; in 19 Edw. II. again knight for Warwickſhire, in the parliament held at Weſtminſter; as likewiſe in 1, 2, and 4. Ed. III. for Leiceſterſhire *(e)*; in the former of which years, he had free warren granted to him, and his heirs, in all his demeſne lands, at Arrow and Sekingdon, in com. Warw. as alſo for thoſe at Huncote, and Mithe, in com. Leic. by *(f)* charter, bearing date at Worceſter, 25 Dec. He was, before the end of the following year of the laſt mentioned king, conſtituted ſheriff for both counties; being alſo a commiſſioner for the goal-delivery, at Warwick. In 7 Edw. III. he was again commiſſioner for the goal-delivery; alſo by a ſpecial patent, bearing date at York, 4 Feb. the ſame year, had licence to impark his woods at Arrow, and ſo to hold them to himſelf and his heirs forever. He died 7 Ed. III. and left iſſue, Gerard, and Robert Burdet, both knights; which Sir Robert, was of Burton, ſuper Dunſmore, in com. Warw. in right of his wife, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir to Robert Garſhale, of Ibſtoke, in com. Leic. and likewiſe of Huncote, in com. Leic. by gift of his father *(g)*, whoſe poſterity continued lords thereof, in the male line, till Henry IVth's time, that the heir general,

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(a) Ibid. p. 141. *(b)* P. 202. *(c)* Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 1126. *(d)* MS. penes B. Willis, Arm. *(e)* Prynn's Brief Reg. vol. IV. p. 73, 80, 93, 105. *(f)* Cart. 1 Ed. III. N. 2. *(g)* Burton's Leiceſt. p. 141.

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general, Elizabeth, marrying Sir Humphry Stafford, of Grafton, in com. Wigorn. Knt. brought them to that family.

Gerard, had his principal ſeat at Arrow, ſo call'd, from the adjacent river, (probable from its ſwiftneſs, as the Tigris of the ancients.) In 20 Edward III. he ſerv'd in the wars of France, being then of the retinue to Maurice de Berkley, an Engliſh baron, and departed this life about 33 Edw. III. leaving, by Eleanor, his wife, (ſiſter and heir to John Veale, of Compton-Scorfin, in com. Warw.) John, his ſon and heir, under age; the cuſtody of whoſe lands, together with his marriage, was granted, 33 Edw. III. by Sir Richard Stafford, Knt. to Richard de Clodſhale, of Saltby, in com. Warw.

Which John Burdet, by the death of John de Veale, (his uncle by the mother's ſide) without iſſue, in 34 Edw. III. was found to be one of his couſins, and next heirs; and in 1 Richard II. being then a knight, ſerv'd in parliament for Warwickſhire *(a)*. In 2 Richard II. was conſtituted one of the commiſſioners of the ſaid county, for taxing a ſubſidy, at that time granted the king; and having married Margaret *(b)*, daughter to Thomas Fitton, of Gauſworth, in com. Ceſt. Eſq; was ſucceeded by,

Sir Thomas Burdet, Knt. his ſon and heir, a perſon honour'd with divers great employments. He was conſtituted one of the commiſſioners for the array, in 5 Richard II. ſerv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Warwick, in 16 Richard II. as alſo in 2 and 8 Henry IV. *(c)* In 3 Henry V. he was made ſheriff for the counties of Warwick and Leiceſterſhire. In 6 Henry V. he was again one of the commiſſioners of array, in com. Warw. and the year following, jointly intruſted with the ſheriff and others, to treat with the people for a loan of money to the king; and was in commiſſion for aſſeſſing and collecting a ſubſidy, in 9 Henry V. He left iſſue, by Anne, his wife, (daughter and coheir to John Waldeif) Nicholas, his ſon and heir.

Which Nicholas, being one of thoſe, who, bearing arms from his anceſtors, as the writ and return thereof ſpecially intimates, had ſummons to attend the king in perſon, 7 Henry V. for defence of the realm; and ſhortly after, he was retained to ſerve the ſaid king in his wars, having received of John Salvaine, treaſurer at war to the duke of Bedford, for himſelf, two men at arms, and ſeven archers, 29l. 11s. 6d. for one quarter's wages. And continuing in thoſe wars, in 3 Henry VI. he was one that defended the town of St. James de Beveron, in Normandy *(d)*, upon the frontiers of Britany, on the ſiege thereof, by Arthur, earl of Richmond, and Yverie, conſtable of France; and making a couragious

(a) Prynn, ibid. p. 342. (b) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 202. (c) Prynn, ibid. p. 421, &c. (d) Holling. Chron. p. 618. Col. 1.

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gious ſally, ſeven or eight hundred of the enemy were ſlain, fifty taken priſoners, with 18 ſtandards, and one banner. In 15 Hen. VI. he was a knight, and was afterwards ſlain at the battle of Pontoiſe, 18 Henry VI. *(a)* at which time he was chief butler of Normandy, and governor of Eurieux, in that dutchy. By his wife, Joan, couſin and heir of Henry Bruin, (with whom he had the manor of Bramcote, in com. Warw. *(b)*) he had, Thomas Burdet, Eſq; his ſon and heir.

Which Thomas, in 28 Henry VI. was employed in his country about levying the ſubſidy then granted to the king: He was a perſon of great note and figure there, and from the ſeventh to the fourteenth of Edward IV. was in commiſſion for conſerving the peace: but, anno 17 Edward IV. having incurr'd the king's diſpleaſure, for his good affections to the duke of Clarence, ſo ſtrict were the eyes and ears of his enemies *(c)*, that an advantage was ſoon taken to take away his life; for hearing that the king had killed a white buck, in his park at Arrow, which buck he ſet much ſtore by, he paſſionately wiſhed the horns in his belly that mov'd the king ſo to do; for which words, he was arraign'd and convicted of high treaſon, upon inference of a miſchievous meaning to the king himſelf, and was beheaded for the ſame. His body lies buried in the chapel of All-Souls, within the Grey-Fryers, near Newgate, in whoſe martyrology, was this memorial for him, viz. *Valens Armiger Domini Georgii Ducis Clarentiæ.*

After the death of this Thomas, there grew great ſuits for his manor of Arrow, and other lands, betwixt Richard Burdet, his ſon, by Agnes, daughter of John Waldeif, a former wife, that had been, for nearneſs of kindred, divorced from him, A. D. 1464, and John Burdet, his ſon, by Margaret, a later wife, daughter of John Rodney: for the ſaid Thomas, (by licence obtained from the crown) 12 Ed. IV. had alienated his lands to his younger ſon, to the diſheriſon of his elder; of which he became afterwards ſo ſenſible, that as he was drawn *(d)* from the Tower to the place of his execution, eſpying his eldeſt ſon, in Weſtcheap, over-againſt St. Thomas Becket's hoſpital, (now Mercers-chapel) he caus'd himſelf to be ſtaid, and there aſk'd his ſaid ſon forgiveneſs, and acknowledging the wrong he had done him, concluded that to be the cauſe of God's vengeance then againſt him.

But in the ſuit aforemention'd, the ſaid John, (the younger ſon) prevail'd; for Margaret, his mother *(e)*, held her eſtate therein for life, and married, ſecondly, Thomas Woodhill: however, the ſaid Richard Burdet, ſo wrought with his brother John,

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(a) Ibid. (b) Burdet's Ped. (c) Fuller's Worthies in com. Leic. p. 140. Burton's Leic. p. 291. (d) Stow's Ann. p. 430. (e) Dugd. Warw. vol. II. p. 849.

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as alſo with the ſaid Margaret, and her huſband, that they levied a fine of the manor of Arrow, Compton-Scorfin, with other lands, and generouſly gave the ſaid Richard, the preſent poſſeſſion thereof; whereby he became veſted in the ſaid inheritance, with the remainder, to Thomas, his ſon; and for want of iſſue by him, to Robert, his other ſon, and the heirs of his body; and for his want of ſuch iſſue, to the right heirs of the ſaid Richard, for ever.

Which two ſons, died young, in their father's life-time, and Richard, himſelf, by Joyſe, daughter of Sir Simon Montfort, Knt. (who ſurviv'd him, and afterwards married Sir Hugh Conway, treaſurer of Ireland) left no heir male: the conſideration whereof, much moving the ſaid John, foraſmuch as the manor of Arrow, and the reſt of the entail'd eſtate, was like to be transferr'd into another family, by Anne, the daughter and heir to the ſame Richard, he exhibited a petition in parliament to King Henry VIII. about the beginning of his reign, wherein, the better to ingratiate himſelf, he ſet forth his adherence to Henry, duke of Bucks, in the behalf of Henry, earl of Richmond, (afterwards king, by the name of Henry VII.) againſt King Richard III. alledging, that upon the miſcarriage of that duke, in his ſaid attempts, he himſelf was taken at Glouceſter, and there kept priſoner; and mov'd, that the ſaid fine ſhould be made void, ſo that himſelf and his heirs might enjoy that eſtate, in ſuch ſort, as he and they ſhould and ought to have done, had it not been levy'd. This John, had four brothers; Nicholas, Robert, George, and Edward; and two ſiſters, Joan, and Iſabel.

This John Burdet *(a)*, was one of the retinue to Sir Edward Howard, admiral, in 4 Henry VIII. for ſcouring the ſeas on the ſouthern coaſt of England, and in no ſmall favour at court; for his petition took ſuch effect, that he purſu'd his claims to the ſaid lordſhip, and all other the lands whereof his father was ſeized, againſt Edward Conway, and Anne, his wife, daughter and heir to the aforeſaid Richard Burdet, as if there had been no ſuch entail as before ſpecify'd; which ſuits continued many years, to a very great expence between them, and ended not in the ſaid Sir John's days, (for he was a knight) who died in 20 Henry VIII. leaving iſſue, by Anne, his wife, daughter of William Harewell, of that county, Thomas, his ſon and heir, John, William, and George; alſo four daughters, Joan, Oſburna, wife to George Daſton, in com. Glouc. Elizabeth, to John Copland, and Anne, to John Hall.

Which Thomas Burdet, as alſo Edward Conway, and Anne, his wife, ſubmitted the difference about the eſtate (in 22 Henry VIII.) to the arbitration of Clement, then abbot of Eveſham, William, prior of Worceſter, Roger Winter, and John Ruſſel, Eſqrs.

(a) Stow's An p. 490.

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Eſqrs. who made their award, that the ſaid Thomas Burdet, ſhould quietly enjoy to himſelf and his heirs, all the lands in Longdon-Travers, and Newbold, in com. Wigorn. and Conway, and his wife, and their heirs, thoſe in Lodyngton, in com. Warw. as alſo in Belne, and Hoblench, in com. Wigorn. But this award did not quiet them, ſo that new ſuits began again; and about two years after they made choice of Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, and Sir William Shelley, Knts. then juſtices of the common-pleas, to determine the buſineſs; who taking upon them the deciſion thereof, thus ſtated it, viz. That the ſaid Thomas Burdet, and his heirs, ſhould have the manors of Bramcote, Sekington, Compton-Scorfin, and Welmecote in the county of Warwick, Longdon-Travers, Little Longdon, Arminſcote, and Newbold, in com. Wigorn. with Larkſtoke, Myculton, Pebworth, Quinton, and Kyrmſcote, in com. Glouceſt. as alſo 200 marks in money; and the ſaid Edw. Conway, and Ann his wife, and their heirs, the manor of Arrow, with thoſe of Lodington, Kingley, Alymore, and Camyl-hill in com. Warw. Belne, Hoblench, Clodſhall, Upton-Warryn, Upton upon Severn, with Beeley and Elmbrigge, in com. Wigorn.

This Thomas Burdet, died about the 31ſt of Hen. VIII. leaving by Mary his wife, daughter to Sir Robert Throckmorton, Knt. Robert Burdet, Eſq; his ſon and heir; Clement, a Clergyman; Humphrey, William, and Ethelbert; alſo three Daughters, Blanch, wife to —— Samborne; Catherine to —— Ludlow; and Eleanor to —— Willenſcote.

Which Robert, made his uſual reſidence at Bramcote, was elected one of the knights of the ſhire for the county (*a*) of Warwick, in the parliament 1 Edw. VI. departed his life, 11 Jan. 2 Edw. VI. and by Elizabeth his wife, daughter to Sir Tho. Cockaine, of Aſhburne in com. Derb. Knt. had iſſue, Tho. Burdet, Eſq; his ſon and heir, Francis, George, William, ſtudent in the Middle-Temple, and John; Thomas died 15 July, 33 Eliz. and having married Bridget, daughter of Thomas Curſon of Croxhall in com. Derb. Eſq; had iſſue, Robert, Thomas, Lawrence, and John, which John, died without iſſue; alſo three daughters, Dorothy, wife to John Barwell, of Sekingdon, Gent. Anne, to —— Sheffield, Gent. and Mary; and was ſucceeded by Robert Burdet, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who took to wife, Mary, daughter of Dr. Thomas Wilſon, dean of Durham, one of the principal ſecretaries of ſtate to Q. Elizabeth; and deceaſing 27 March, 1603, lies buried at Sekingdon, in co. War. A fine mural monument on the North ſide of the church being erected to his memory, repreſenting (under a Canopy ſupported by two pillars) the figures of a gentleman in armour, and his lady in the dreſs of the times, kneeling

(*a*) MS. præd. penes B. Willis, Arm.

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kneeling on cuſhions, with a table between them; behind him, three ſons habited like their father, in armour; behind her, the figures of as many daughters, in praying poſtures, habited in the dreſs of the times; and underneath a latin inſcription in roman capitals, importing, that he was in the commiſſion of the peace, and a gentleman of piety and probity, a faithful patriot to his country, a friend to the poor, and that his wife, ſurviving him, rais'd the ſaid monument. She lies buried in St. Andrew's choir, adjoining to the parochial church of Penrith in Cumberland, having this inſcription *(a)*.

> Here lyeth Mary, Daughter of Thomas Wilſon, Secretary of State to Queen Elizabeth, who was firſt married to Robert Burdet, of Bramcourt *(b)* in the county of Warwick, Eſq; by whom ſhe had Sir Thomas Burdet, Bart. and ſeveral Sons and Daughters: And was afterwards married to Sir Chriſtopher Lowther, of Lowther in the County of Weſtmoreland, Knt. Her Daughter Elizabeth Burdet married Anthony Hutton, of Penrith in the County of Cumberland, Eſq; with whom ſhe lived and died the laſt Day of May, A. D. 1622.

They had iſſue Thomas, and *(c)* ſix Daughters, Bridget, wife to William Whelpdale; Anne, to John Bowes, of Elford in com. Staff. Eſq; Mary, to Richard Frampton, Eſq; Elizabeth, to Anthony Hutton, of Penrith in com. Cumb. Eſq; ſon of Sir William Hutton, Knt. Letice, wife to Richard Skelton, of Armenthwaite in com. Cumb. Gent. and Lucrecia, who died unmarried.

Thomas Burdet, of Seckington and Bramcote, Eſq; ſon of the ſaid Robert, born the 3d of Auguſt 1585, was by his majeſty King James advanc'd to the dignity of a baronet, the 25th of February 1618. He added to his poſſeſſions the manour of Formark, and a good eſtate in Derbyſhire, by marriage of Jane, daughter and heir of William Frauncys, Eſq; nephew and heir to John Frauncys of Formark, aforeſaid, Eſq; which ſeat has, ſince that time, been the chief reſidence of this family.

This Sir Thomas, was a good houſe-keeper, charitable to the poor, and ever ready to do all friendly offices. His lady was a very ingenious and learn'd perſon, as well as a pattern of all goodneſs; ſhe kept correſpondence with ſome of our moſt eminent divines, particularly the moſt famous archbiſhop Sheldon, who found an agreeable ſanctuary and comfortable ſubſiſtance at Bramcote, during the great rebellion and exile of K. Charles II. She ſurviv'd her huſband, and was bury'd by him, in the chancel

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. 1. p. 82. *(b)* Bramcote. *(c)* Ex inſcr. Dom. Rob. Burdet, Bar.

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cel belonging to the family in the church of Repton. They had iſſue three ſons, 1. Sir Frauncis, his ſucceſſor. 2. Robert, a merchant and alderman of the city of London, (who, by Mary his wife, daughter of alderman Wright, left iſſue.) 3. Leiceſter, who died at Aleppo, unmarry'd. Likewiſe ſeven daughters, Catharine, married to Seabright Repington, of Amington in com. Warw. Eſq; Iſabel, Wife of Francis Merick, merchant of London; Lettice, eſpous'd to William Houncel, merchant of London; Mary, wedded to George Bowes of Elford in Staffordſhire, Eſq; Jane, betroth'd to Gilbert Thacker of Repton in Derbyſhire, Eſq; Dorothy, who died unmarried; and Bridget, wife to Thomas Greſley, Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir George Greſley, of Drakelow in com. Derb. Bart.

Sir Frauncis Burdet, Bart. born the 10th of September 1608; took to wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Walter, Knt. of Sarſden in Oxfordſhire, lord chief baron of the exchequer, a lady of exemplary prudence and behaviour; and both have left an admirable character for their charity and hoſpitality, which proceeded from a principle of goodneſs, and not the leaſt oſtentation; for they were known rather to be auſtere than affected with any deſire of ſhew or applauſe. The building from the ground, and endowing the church of Formark, is likewiſe a laſting monument of their piety and regard for religion; which church, call'd *(a)* St. Saviours, was conſecrated in the year 1662. This Sir Frauncis, and his lady, both liv'd to be very aged: ſhe was born in September 1613, and died the 17th of April 1701; *(b)* and his death and ſepulture is commemorated by the following inſcription on a plain ſtone upon the ground in the aforeſaid Church, viz.

"The Body of Sir Frauncis Burdet, Baronet,
"Founder of this Chapel, is here interr'd: Who
"dy'd the 30th of Decemb. MDCXCVI. in the
"89th Year of his Age. Was 61 Years Huſband
"to Elizabeth, Daughter of Sir John Walter,
"Lord Chief Baron: By whom he had nine Chil-
"dren, all ſurviving him.

Theſe were, 1. Sir Robert, his ſucceſſor. 2. Francis, who died, unmarried, the 18th of April, 1709. 3. Walter, who was of the Inner-Temple, London, and afterwards of Knowl-hill in com. Derb. who died unmarried; and during the pregnancy of Elizabeth, wife of his nephew, Robert Burdet, Eſq; (as hereafter is ſhewn) took upon himſelf the title of baronet. 4. John, late of Doniſthorpe, in the counties of Derby and Leiceſter, who married Anna, the daughter of Mr. Muggleſton, but died without iſſue. 5. Thomas, who died, unmarried, the 12th of Aug. 1698.

(a) Inſcrip. apud Formark. *(b)* Ibid.

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1698. Likewiſe four daughters, Dorothy, who died, unmarried, September 4, 1718. Mary, born January 23, 1643, and died the 15th of April 1701. Elizabeth, wife to Edmund Jodrell, of Eardſley and Twamlow in Cheſhire, Eſq; and Jane, married to Edward Hopegood, Eſq;

Sir Robert Burdet, Bart. born the 11th of January 1640, was, in his father's life-time, elected knight of the ſhire for the county of Warwick (*a*), in two parliaments in the reign of Charles II. Likewiſe for the city of Litchfeild in 1 W. M. 2 W. M. and 7 W. III. He died the 18th of January 171⅛, in the 76th year of his age, having had three wives: 1. Mary, daughter of Gervaſe Pigot, of Thrumpton, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; and coheir of John St. Andrew, of Goteham, in the ſame county, Eſq; who died in the 27th year of her age, the 31ſt of Auguſt 1668. (leaving an only daughter Elizabeth, who married Charles Jenens of the Middle-Temple, and of Gopſall in com. Leiceſt. Eſq;) 2. Magdalen, daughter of Sir Thomas Aſton, of Aſton in com. Ceſt. Bart. And, laſtly, Mary, daughter to Mr. Thomas Brome, of Crox-hall in Derbyſhire, who ſurviv'd him without iſſue; but Magdalen, his ſecond wife, bore him four ſons, and four daughters, whereof Magdalen, Lettice, and Dorothy, died infants; and Jane, married John Cotton, of Gedding, in com. Hunt. Eſq; ſon and heir of Sir Robert Cotton, Bart. Of the ſons, Frauncis, the eldeſt, born Sept. 3, 1666, died the 25th of May 1667; John, third ſon, died an infant; and Henry, youngeſt ſon, was unfortunately drown'd at Oxon.

Robert, ſecond ſon, (and heir apparent of Sir Robert Burdet, Bart.) born the 25th of June 1680, died eleven days before his father, viz. on the 7th of January 171⅛, leaving Elizabeth his wife, daughter to William, lord viſcount Tracy, (and ſiſter to Thomas-Charles, the preſent lord,) with child, who was deliver'd the 28th of May 1716, of a ſon Sir Robert, the preſent baronet; ſhe likewiſe had by him ſix daughters (*b*), Elizabeth, now living; Jane, who died unmarried; Mary, relict of colonel Richard Pyott, ſon of Richard Pyott, of Streetway in the county of Stafford, Eſq; by whom ſhe hath one ſon; Frances, now living; Anne, wife to Wrightſon Mundy, of Oſbaſton in the county of Leic. Eſq; and Dorothy, married to the rev. Mr. John Rolleſton, rector of Aſton upon Trent, in the county of Derby; Elizabeth, ſurviving her ſaid Huſband, Robert Burdet, Eſq; married Robert Holden, of Aſton, in com. Derb. Eſq;

Sir Robert Burdet, the preſent baronet, ſucceſſor to his grandfather in title and eſtate, married, in Nov. 1739 (*c*), Elizabeth, the only daughter of Sir Charles Sedley, late of Nuthall in the county

(*a*) Willis's MS. — (*b*) Ex Inf. Dom. Rob. Burdet, Bar. (*c*) Ibid.

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county of Nottingham, Bart. and ſiſter to the preſent Sir Charles Sedley, of Nuthall aforeſaid, Bart.

ARMS: Azure, two Barrs, Or. The late Sir Robert Burdet, Bart. left out the Martlets, and bore the ancient arms of his family, (viz.) Azure, two Barrs, Or, and his deſcendents have continued to bear the ſame.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Lion's Head eras'd Sable, Langued, Gules.

SEATS: At *Bramcote*, in *Warwickſhire*, and *Foremark*, in *Derbyſhire*.

36. MACKWORTH, of Normanton, Rutlandſhire.

(THOMAS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, June 4, 1619.

MACKWORTH, in Derbyſhire, gave name to this ancient family, ſeated there for many generations; one of which was of the retinue to the famous James, lord Audley, knight of the garter, who was very inſtrumental in obtaining the glorious victory, at Poictiers, under the Black Prince, in 20 Edw. III. where the French, tho' much ſuperior, receiv'd an overthrow, the king, and dauphin of France, many of his nobles, and innumerable common ſoldiers, being taken priſoners, as our hiſtorians write; and that this lord Audley, acquainting the prince, before the fight, with the vow *(a)* he had made to be the firſt in the battle, crav'd his licence that he might accompliſh it; to which the prince accorded, and ſaid, *Sir James, God give you this day that grace to be the beſt knight of all (b) others*: and thereupon, departing with his four eſquires, (Mackworth, being one of them) went to the foremoſt front of the battle. And Walſingham, adds this *(c)* farther of him, that by his extraordinary valour, he broke through the French army, and caus'd much ſlaughter that day to the enemy.

His noble conduct and valour ſo infinitely pleas'd the brave prince, that, as a teſtimony thereof, he ſettled 500 marks in land upon him, in England, of annual revenue, (a conſiderable eſtate in thoſe days) which this lord preſently and frankly ſettled on his four *(d)* eſquires; whereof the prince being acquainted, demanded whether

(a) Dugd. Bar. vol. I. p. 749. (b) Froiſſard, fol. 81. (c) Tho. Walſingham, ann. 1357, p. 264. (d) Froiſſard, f. 84.

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whether he lik'd not his bounty, or thought the gift beneath his acceptance; to which, when anſwer was given, That they deſerv'd the ſame as well as himſelf, without whoſe aſſiſtance, ſays he, *I, a ſingle man, could have done but little*; the prince, thereupon, thank'd him for ſo doing, and gave him 600 marks per ann. more. The poſterity of all the four eſquires, have, in memory of this victory, added the ſaid lord's coat armour to their own, as plainly appears, by the Cheveron Gules, Frettè, Or, bore by this family of Mackworth, Delves, Haukeſton, &c.

John Touchet, lord Audley, ſon-in-law, and at length heir of the aforeſaid James, in *(a)* conſideration that John, and Thomas Mackworth *(b)*, were valiant men, and of the good ſervices done by them and their anceſtors, to the ſaid lord Audley's family, and for their farther honour, grants part of their arms to be born by them and their heirs, with due difference, viz. Party per pale, indented, Sable and Ermine, a Cheveron, Gules, Frettè, Or. In teſtimony to which grant (whereof this is an abſtract) he put his ſeal of arms, viz. Quarterly, 1 and 4 Frettè, and 2 and 3 Ermine, a Cheveron, circumſcrib'd, *Sigillum Johannis D'Audley*. Dated at his manor of Marketon, the 1ſt of Aug. 1404.

A deſcendant of this family was, John Mackworth, L. L. D. to whom did formerly belong, the meſſuage in Holbourn, now known by the name of Bernard's-Inn, but anciently called *(c)*, Mackworth's-Inn: he ſucceeded John de Shepey, as dean of Lincoln, 1412, and dying 1451, was buried in the cathedral of Lincoln, under a goodly monument, which had this inſcription *(d)*:

> Johannes Mackworth, Decretorum Doctor, nuper Cancellarius illuſtriſſimi Principis Filii Regis Henrici Quarti, ac Decanus Eccleſie Cathedralis beate Marie.

But the chief of this line, who firſt ſettled in the county of Rutland, was Thomas Mackworth, of Mackworth *(e)*, in com. Derb. Eſq; who ſerv'd in parliament as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Derby, in *(f)* 3 and 4 Henry VI. and marrying Alice, ſiſter and heir to Sir John de Baſings, (that died iſſueleſs, in 24 Henry VI.) became poſſeſs'd of a fair inheritance, and principally of the towns and manors of Normanton, Empingham, and Hardwick, in com. Rutland, which firſt place, from thenceforth, became their capital manſion. This Alice, ſiſter to Sir John, ſon of

(*a*) Differences of arms, MS. per Ralph Brook, York, herald, penes Fra. Hougham. (*b*) See the copy of the deed at length, of the lord Audley's grant of part of his arms of Audley and Touchet, to compoſe a coat for John, and Thomas Mackworth, dated 1404, in V ſtr. North. Rot. p. 249. Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 105. (*c*) Stow's Survey of Lond. vol. I. b. 3. p. 251. (*d*) Brown Willis's Survey of Cathed. vol. II. p. 77. (*e*) Wright's Rutlandſhire, p. 93. (*f*) Willis's Notit. Parl. vol. II. p. 220.

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of Thomas, ſon of William de Baſings, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas de Normanville, ſon of Ralph, ſon of Thomas de Normanville, who died temp. Henry III. whoſe anceſtors, ſoon after the conqueſt, were lords of Normanton, and were alſo ſeated at Kenerton, in the hundred of Blackborne, in Kent, till their male iſſue failing, both that eſtate, and this in Rutland, went by match, to the Baſings, a family of great account and antiquity, deſcended from Adam de Baſing, lord-mayor of London, in 36 Henry III. (1251,) whoſe habitation was where Blackwell-hall now ſtands, and from whom, the ſtreet and ward thereunto adjoining, had the denomination of Baſing's-hall-ſtreet, and Baſing's-hall ward *(a)*.

To the ſaid Thomas Mackworth, ſucceeded Henry, his ſon and heir, who, fixing in the county of Rutland, was *(b)* ſheriff thereof, in 18 Edward IV. and (John, his ſon and heir, dying in his life-time,) was ſucceeded by his grandſon, George Mackworth, ſheriff of the county of *(c)* Rutland, in 12 Henry VII, and VIII. 14, 22, and 26 Henry VIII. departing this life two years after, viz. in 28 Henry VIII. 1536, leaving, by Anne, his wife, a daughter, Lucy *(d)*, married to Francis Brown, of Stamford, Eſq; and Francis, his ſon and heir.

Which Francis Mackworth *(e)*, of Normanton, Eſq; took to wife, Ellen, one of the eight daughters of Humphry Hercy, of Grove, in com. Nott. Eſq; by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Digby, of Kettelby, Knt. *(f)* (ſiſter and coheir to Sir John Hercy, Knt. who died S. P. 12 Eliz.) whereby he ſhar'd a great inheritance. He was ſheriff of *(g)* Rutland, in 30 and 35 Henry VIII. alſo 3 Queen Mary; and died in 1 Elizabeth, leaving George, his ſon and heir, who was thrice ſheriff, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and, by Grace, his wife, daughter of Ralph Rokebey, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, had iſſue,

Thomas Mackworth, of Normanton, Eſq; *(b)* ſheriff of Rutland, in 41 Eliz. and 7 Jac. I. was advanced to the dignity of baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 4th of June, 1619. He married Margaret, daughter and heir of —— Hall, of Gretford, in com. Linc. Eſq; (ſole heir to her mother, daughter and coheir of Francis Neale, of Tugby, in com. Linc. Eſq;) who bore him four ſons and a daughter, which laſt died young. The ſons were,

(a) Wright's Rutlandſhire, p. 92. *(b)* Fuller's worthies in eodem Com. *(c)* Ibid. *(d)* Wright's Rutl. p. 129. *(e)* It was found by office, in 2 Eliz. that Francis Mackworth, Eſq; held certain lands in Empingham, and Hardwick, of the yearly value of 43 l. of the lord Barkley, by knights ſervice, and that George Mackworth, is his ſon and heir, which George, was the great grandfather of Sir Thomas Mackworth, Bart. the preſent lord of Empingham, which he enjoys by inheritance from the beforementioned Ralph de Normanville, who died 43 Henry III. this eſtate having now continued in the ſame blood, though not in the ſame name, above four hundred years. Wright's Rutland. p. 46. *(f)* Thoroton's Nott. p. 401. *(g)* Fuller's Worthies, ut antea.

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1. Sir Henry. 2. Sir Francis, who died unmarried. 3. Peregrine, who took to wife, ———, widow of —— Moor, of Grantham, in com. Lincoln. Eſq; barriſter at law, but had no iſſue; and 4. Neale Mackworth, who died unmarried.

Sir Henry Mackworth, Bart. (ſucceſſor to his father in title and eſtate) rebuilt the manor-houſe, at Normanton, and having married Mary, daughter of Robert Hopton, of Wittam, in com. Somerſet. Eſq; ſecond ſiſter and coheir of Ralph, lord Hopton, of Stratton, in com. Cornub. had iſſue by her two daughters, and five ſons; 1. Sir Thomas. 2. Robert, who reſided at Empingham, and married twice; firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of John Hatcher, of Empingham, aforeſaid, Eſq; and ſecondly, Martha, daughter of Edward Corbet, D. D. of the Edgmond line, in com. Salop. by both which he had iſſue, but none ſurvived him by the laſt: he died, Feb. 1, 171$\frac{1}{2}$, aged ninety-five, and lies buried in Kenſington church-yard, in Middleſex, with this inſcription:

> Here lies the Body of Robert Mackworth, Eſq; ſecond Son of Henry Mackworth, Baronet, of Rudland, in Lincolnſhire. He died Feb. the 1ſt, 171$\frac{1}{2}$, aged 95 Years.

Robert, by his firſt wife, had two ſons; (1. Thomas, who married Mrs. Parker, of Stamford, by whom he left no iſſue; and 2. Robert, of Huntingdon, who married Mary, daughter of William Dowſe, of Huntingdon, merchant, and left iſſue, Thomas, and Elizabeth, married to Lewis Smith, of Great-Gedding: Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Maule, of Ecton, in com. Northton, Gent. and has one daughter, Mary, an infant.) 3. Henry, who died unmarried. 4. Edmund, a merchant, who deceaſed at Aleppo, S. P. 5. Guſtavus, youngeſt ſon, married Dorothy, widow to Thomas, lord Grey, of Groby, eldeſt ſon and heir apparent to Henry, earl of Stamford, and daughter and coheir to Edward Bouchier, earl of Bath, by whom he left only one daughter, Mary, married to a gentleman in Lincolnſhire. Sir Henry's two daughters were, Margaret, wife of Philip Young, of Keniton, in com. Salop, Eſq; and Jane, firſt wife of Hugh Underwood, of Witleſey, in the Iſle of Ely, Eſq;

Sir Thomas Mackworth, Bart. (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Henry) had all the advantages of education, which, together with an excellent temper, good natural parts, and a readineſs to do all friendly offices, won him the eſteem of all that knew him, and render'd him highly valu'd in his country. He was choſen one of the knights for the county of Rutland, in all parliaments, from the thirty-firſt year of the reign of King Charles II. to the time of his death, A. D. 1694; and having married two wives; 1. Dorothy, daughter of captain George Darrel, of Cale-hill, in the county

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county of Kent, had iſſue by her one ſon, Thomas, who died in the life-time of his father, and two daughters, Dorothy, who wedded John Wingfield, of Tikencote, in com. Rut. Eſq; and Utrechia, who died unmarried: but by Anne, his ſecond lady, daughter of Humphry Mackworth, of Betton, in com. Salop. Eſq; (a cadet of this ancient family,) he had iſſue four daughters, Mary, and Anne, who both died unmarried; Jane, married to Abraham Rys, of Lincolnſhire, Gent. who left her a widow, but no iſſue, and Elizabeth, who is living, unmarried: likewiſe three ſons, Humphry, and Hopton, that died unmarried, and Sir Thomas, who, upon his father's death, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate.

Which Sir Thomas Mackworth, the preſent baronet, was returned by indenture (17 Dec. 1694,) as one of the knights in parliament for the county of Rutland, in the room of his father, deceas'd, and was likewiſe elected for the ſaid county, in the firſt and fourth of Queen Anne, and in the two firſt parliaments of his late majeſty King George I. he is at preſent unmarried.

ARMS: Party per pale, indented, Sable and Ermine, a Cheveron, Gules, Fretté, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Wing, per pale, indented as the Shield.

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37. HICKES, of Beverſton, Glouceſterſhire.

(WILLIAM, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 21, 1619.

THIS family is deſcended originally out of the county of Glouceſter, where ſome of them have been anciently ſeated, tho' they bear different arms. Robert Hickes, was, I ſuppoſe, a younger brother, as appears by an old fine in Edward the VIth's time, wherein Thomas Hickes, is mention'd to hold lands at Barkeley, in the county of Glouceſter, for which there was a conteſt in law, but concluded by the judges, (Edward Montagu, William Shelley, Humphrey Brown, and John Hynde) and Robert Hickes, was to pay 20 l. to the ſaid Thomas; on which conſideration, he and his wife Margaret, (daughter and heir of James Atwood, and Alice his wife, daughter and heir of William Payne,) releas'd and quit-claim'd all their pretence, to a certain houſe and lands. This Robert, was a wealthy citizen and mercer of London, living in Cheapſide, where by his trade

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he rais'd a conſiderable eſtate, and by Juliana his wife, daughter to William Arthur, of Clapham, in Surry, Eſq; had iſſue three ſons; Sir Michael, born 21 Octob. 35 Hen. VIII. Francis, born 36 Hen. VIII. and Baptiſt.

Which Baptiſt, the youngeſt ſon, being brought up in his father's buſineſs, and having great dealings with the court, (by his elder brother Michael's means) for his rich ſilks and commodities fetch'd from Italy and foreign parts, by which he got a great eſtate; and upon King James's coming in, was ſworn his ſervant, 1603, and ſoon knighted *(a)*; he was one of the firſt citizens that kept ſhop after his knighthood, upon which in 1607, he had ſome diſpute with the aldermen about it, and had alſo a conteſt with the aldermen for precedency, ſtanding upon his knighthood, which matter came at laſt to be decided by the court marſhall: before his death, he was advanc'd to far greater honours; for, 4 Car. I. he was created a peer of the realm, by the title of Baron Hickes, of Ilmington in com. Warw. as alſo viſcount Camden, of Camden in com. Glouc. with remainder, for default of iſſue-male, to Edward, lord Noel, (and his heirs male) who had married Juliana, his eldeſt daughter, A.D. 1605, from whom deſcend the earl of Gainſborough, enjoying now, by virtue of the ſpecial entail, thoſe titles of honour granted to this Sir Baptiſt; Sir Baptiſt's ſecond daughter and coheir, Mary, was match'd with Sir Charles Moriſon, of Caſhiobury, in com. Hertford, Knt. and from an heireſs of that family, that eſtate is now in the earl of Eſſex. Stow in his ſurvey of London, ſays, it was reported, that theſe two heireſſes were worth 100,000 l. a-piece. His large charities and good deeds to the town of Camden in com. Gloceſt. &c. are ſet down at large in Stow *(b)*.

Sir Michael Hickes, (the eldeſt ſon of Robert,) the immediate anceſtor of this elder branch of the family, having ſpent ſome time at Trinity-College in Cambridge, remov'd, for the ſtudy of the law, to Lincoln's-Inn: from thence he was taken into the ſervice of the lord Burghley, lord high treaſurer of England, that great ſtateſman, and chief counſellor to Queen Elizabeth; by that lord he was preferr'd to be one of his ſecretaries, and ſo continu'd during the treaſurer's life; he was well ſkill'd in philological learning, and had read over the polite Roman hiſtorians and moraliſts; out of which authors he made large collections, eſpecially of their moral and wiſe ſentences, with which he fill'd divers paper-books, ſtill remaining in the family. The other ſecretary to the lord Burghley, was Henry Maynard, Eſq; whoſe ſon Sir William Maynard, was created Lord Maynard.

Sir Michael, by his ingenious education and good parts, became very polite and agreeable, and was admitted into a ſociety of learn'd and

(a) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. b. I. p. 287. *(b)* Ibid. p. 288.

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and eminent perſons, having the accompliſhment of a facetious wit to recommend him. Some of his chief acquaintance and friends were Sir Fulk Grevil, Sir Henry Glemham, Sir John Smith, (couſin-german to the queen) Sir Francis Bacon, Sir Walter Ralegh, Mr. Camden, and others: but he was moſt dear to Sir Robert Cecyl, the lord treaſurer's ſon, both when he was the queen's chief ſecretary of ſtate, maſter of the court of wards and liveries, and earl of Saliſbury, and lord high treaſurer, ſucceeding in his noble father's office; Sir Michael, was ever at his right hand, and he was never better pleas'd than when he had his company and pleaſant converſation; he alſo employ'd him in moſt of his buſineſs, and committed many of his ſecret affairs to him, knowing, by long experience, his faithfulneſs; and many perſons knowing what intereſt he had with Sir Robert, both when ſecretary, and lord high treaſurer, made him their friend, at any rate, to ſolicit their cauſes with him, who was ever (except neceſſarily obſtructed) ready to gratify Sir Michael, eſpecially where benefit was like to accrue to him; he held a correſpondence with the earl of Saliſbury, Sir Francis Bacon, Sir Walter Ralegh, and others the chief men of his time; as appear'd by many letters, which were in the family.

When Sir Robert Cecil, became lord high treaſurer of England, and was created earl of Saliſbury, which was about the year 1605, Sir Michael, congratulated his preferment, in a letter to him, where, among the reſt of his wiſhes, he wiſh'd him *Otium cum Dignitate*; which the earl took particular notice of, in a ſhort anſwer, as an happineſs ſeldom befalling perſons in great place, thanking him for his congratulation, and eſpecially for his good wiſh, tho' he fear'd, he ſaid, he ſhould not be ſo happy. Sir Michael, was a very witty jocoſe man, and his company much ſought after by perſons of rank and diſtinction.

Queen Elizabeth being in her progreſs, took occaſion once to talk with her ſecretary, (who ſhe knew was Mr. Hickes's Friend) concerning certain witty verſes of Mr. Hickes's writing, (that had come to her ears) burleſquing ſome of the grave members of parliament: and what entertainment it found with her majeſty, the ſecretary, in his correſpondence, imparted, viz. *That ſhe excus'd him as much as any; and that when he told her he could not tell what Mr.* Michael *ſaid for himſelf, but that what he had writ, was, in his fancy, as pretty and pithy as ever he ſaw. Ay, marry,* (ſaid the queen) *but he wrote them not himſelf.* To which the ſecretary ſaid, (ſwearing to her) *he knew he did. Well,* ſaith ſhe, *when I ſee him next, we ſhall have good ſport.*—The account of this matter the ſecretary wrote to Mr. Hickes, who having heard, with ſome concern, that the queen had ſeen his rhimes, deſir'd to know the truth of this buſineſs; and thereupon he wrote

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to him, aſſerting, for his ſatisfaction, that he lied not, and that, that, was the truth, and the whole truth, as he aſſur'd him faithfully. The verſes, as I find them written by his own hand, were as follow:

De Crepitu in Parliamento.

Down came Sir John Croke,
And ſaid his Meſſage on his Book;
Sir William Norris, *nodded ſo ſo*,
But William Ludlow's *Bum, cry'd no.*
Up ſtood one fuller of Devotion
Than Eloquence, and cry'd a good Motion.
I doubt of that, quoth Sir Harry Jenkyn,
I like the Motion, but for the ſtinking,
And before this Buſineſs be tranſacted,
I think this Fart muſt be enacted.
Excellent Sport, by this Light,
Quoth Mr. James, *of the* Iſle of Wight:
Nay, quoth Sir Harry Powle, *'tis a mad Trick*
To fart in the Noſe of a Body Politick.
Quoth Mr. Bennet, *this young Man was very bold,*
This Privilege belongeth to us that be old.
Quoth Mr. Bond, *it's a Sign of Wind,*
When any Man gives his Voice behind.

He was not haſty to marry, inſomuch that his mother-in-law, one Mrs. Pen, being deſirous to ſee him match'd before her death, told Sir Robert Cecil, when ſhe once ſent him a ſuit of hangings, that ſhe had kept them thirty-two years, expecting her ſon's marriage, and that unleſs he would make haſte and marry, ſhe promiſed Sir Robert, to give him alſo her houſe, and all the ſtuff belonging to it. But being fifty-four years old, or upward, at length he met with a very worthy gentlewoman, for prudence as well as wealth; ſhe was, Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Colſton, a merchant, whoſe country ſeat was a fair houſe, upon the foreſt of Waltham, in the pariſh of Low-Layton, in com. Eſſex. called therefore the foreſt-houſe, (late in the poſſeſſion of Sir Gilbert Heathcote, Knt. and Bart. alderman of London;) ſhe was the widow and relict of Henry Parviſh, or Parvis, Eſq; (ſon of Thomas Parvis of Guilford, in com. Sur.) an eminent merchant of London, whoſe country-houſe was Ruckholts, a manor in the ſaid pariſh of Low-Layton, which, coming by this marriage to Sir Michael, he there liv'd and died: ſuch were the good accompliſhments of this lady, that ſoon after marriage, Sir Robert Cecil, in one of his letters, written in July, about 1595 or 1596, told him, that he even envy'd him; for, ſending him a piece of veniſon, he gave his commendations to Mrs. Hickes; *in whom*, as he added,

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added, *I envy your good fortune, but reſt for all that, your loving friend*, Robert C.

He ſhould have been knighted at the coronation of King James I. (when great numbers of gentlemen were) as I conclude from a poſtſcript of a letter to him, from his friend the ſecretary, in theſe words, *At the coronation I will have you knighted.* But he refus'd it then, as appears by another letter from his ſaid friend, wrote in September, beginning; *Good Mr. Hickes, that would not be Sir Michael.* But the next year, it ſeems, he took the honour; for, in Aug. 1604, I meet with the ſecretary, giving him the title of Sir Michael.

By this lady aforeſaid, Sir Michael had iſſue, beſide William, his eldeſt ſon, and Michael, a daughter, Elizabeth, ſo named, from Elizabeth, counteſs of Darby, one of her godmothers, (the other being the counteſs of Warwick) married to Sir William Armine, of Oſgodby, in com. Linc. Bart.

He deceaſed at his houſe, at Ruckholts, A.D. 1612, aged ſixty-five years, and was buried in the old chancel of the pariſh-church of Low-Layton, in Eſſex, where was erected, by his widow, a graceful and coſtly monument, with two arches againſt the eaſt-wall, extending the full length thereof. Which monument, when the new chancel was built, was taken down, and ſet up againſt the ſouth-wall, where it now ſtands: the figures in ſtone, both of him, and the lady Elizabeth, his wife, lying in full proportion: he, in the habit of a knight; ſhe, with a mourning veil, leaning their heads on their hands; over him, is this inſcription (*a*):

In obitum Clariſ. Viri D. Michaelis Hickes
Equis aurati, &c.
Quæ volui in vita vidi, dulciſſima nuper
Pignora, Conſortem charam, ſortemq; beatæ
Prolis: Erant nati gemini nata una Parenti
Optabam Chriſtum: hinc morti ſuccumbo, labenſq;
Conſortem, ſortem, natos natamq; relinquo.
Obiit decimo quinto Die Auguſti,
Anno Dom. 1612. Ætatis 65.

Under the other arch, over the lady Hickes, theſe verſes,

Ut tua mors viduam fecit; tu jam viduatus
Connubium Chriſti, (non viduandus) habes.
At junctam hoc tumulo me ſponſam rurſus habebis
Sic tua ſemper ero, quæ tua nuper eram.

She was buried the 14th of Feb. Anno Dom. 1634.

William, eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Michael, was ſo named from the lord treaſurer, his father's old maſter, (William, lord Burgh-ley)

(*a*) Stow's Survey, vol. II. appendix, p. 116.

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ley) who, in eſteem for the father, gave his own name, William, to the ſon, being godfather, and preſent at the baptiſm, at Sir Michael's London houſe, on St. Peter's-hill (which ſtill belongs to this family.) His other godfather was, the lord Cobham, lord warden of the cinque-ports, and lord chamberlain: and his godmother, the lady Lumley.

And as Sir Michael, had a good education himſelf, ſo, eſteeming learning a ſuitable ornament to honour, he bred up William, his ſon to it; who, having acquired a competent knowledge of ſchool learning, was ſent by his father to the univerſity of Cambridge, and admitted into the ſame college, whereof his father was once a member. Succeeding to his inheritance, he was created a baronet, on the 21ſt of July, 17 Jac. I. being written of Beverſton, in com. Glouceſt. tho' he choſe Ruckholts ſtill, for his uſual manſion, which his deſcendants for ſome time reſided at. In the diffieult times of the civil wars, he was always true to the royal cauſe, and the church of England, on which account, he was watch'd by ſome of his neighbours that favour'd the other ſide: but by his caution, he preſerv'd himſelf pretty clear of trouble, till the ſiege of Colcheſter; when he, with ſeveral other loyaliſts of the county of Eſſex, privy to, and concerned in, that buſineſs, were kept in priſon about ſix weeks; and for farther puniſhment, his ancient grove adjacent to his houſe, which was very dear to him, was determin'd, by thoſe that then govern'd, to be cut down for timber to ſupply the navy, lying ſo near and convenient for the ſhip-yards; but by the means and interceſſion of his friend, the earl of Holland, he at laſt obtain'd the favour to let it ſtand: which grove, Sir Harry, finding the trees decaying at the tops, thought fit to fell, and the ſeat was ſold about the year 1720, to Benjamin Collier, Eſq; who ſold it to earl Tilney, whoſe ſon, lord viſcount Caſtlemain, is the preſent owner of it.

This Sir William, married Margaret, one of the daughters of William, lord Paget, of Beaudeſert; by whom he had iſſue, Baptiſt, Elizabeth, Sir William, Letitia, married to Arthur, earl of Donnegal, in the kingdom of Ireland, Catherine, Francis, Sir Michael, and Elizabeth, whereof only three ſurviv'd. He died at his ſeat, at Ruckholts, and was buried honourably, according to his quality, with heralds attending his herſe to the pariſh-church, where he was interr'd, the 22d day of October, 1680, aged eighty-four.

Sir William Hickes's ſecond ſon, ſurviving, was Sir Michael Hicks, Knt. who married Suſan, youngeſt daughter to Sir Richard How, Knt. ſome time ſheriff and alderman of London, and widow of Samuel Beaumont-Everard, of the Middle-temple, Eſq; by whom he had ten children, but two only ſurviv'd, viz. How Hicks,

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Hicks, Eſq; and Alice, married to William Somerford, in com. Wilts, Eſq;

Sir William Hickes, Knt. and Bart. (ſon and heir of Sir William,) receiving a univerſity education alſo, in Trinity-college, lived many years, in honour and reputation, at his ancient ſeat of Ruckholts; was ſheriff of the county of Eſſex, and ſerv'd that office with much credit and ſplendor, the lord chief-juſtice Vaughan, and Sir Job Charleton, then judges of the aſſize, at Chelmsford: he was knighted by King Charles II. at Ruckholts, and ſo was his younger brother, Michael, (but at ſeveral times) when their father, Sir William, entertain'd his majeſty at dinner, after hunting in the foreſt. This Sir William, at a great expence, caſed his ſeat at Ruckholts, with brick, much improving and beautifying it. He died, April 22, 1703, aged ſeventy-three years, having married Marthagnes, eldeſt daughter and coheir to Sir Harry Coningſby, of North-Mims, in Hertfordſhire, Knt.

Againſt the north-wall of the new chancel of the pariſh-church of Low-Layton, oppoſite to the ſepulchral monument of Sir Michael Hicks, and Elizabeth, his lady, is a ſtately monument erected by the ſecond Sir William Hicks, in his life-time, for his father, himſelf, and lady; ſhewing three figures, in full proportion, that is, the ſaid Sir William, and his lady, ſtanding up on each ſide, and between them, Sir William Hicks, Bart. the father, lying along, leaning with his left arm upon a cuſhion, a truncheon in his right hand, as lieutenant of the foreſt: all artificially inſculp'd, with theſe inſcriptions following, above them, thus:

S.

H. M. Pie uti par eſt Memoriis dicator,
D. Gulielmi Hickes, Barti. Filii unici ex Elizabetha Colſtonorum ſtemmate prognata, Michaelis Hickes Equitis aurati, viri probi ac prudentis, D. Gulielmo Baroni Burghlæo ſummo Angliæ Theſaurario quondam à ſecretis qui VII. Idus Octobris, Anno Domini MDCLXXX. obiit, cum octogeſſimum quartum compleſſet Annum.

And under him, this *(a)*:

Sir William Hickes, Bart. Lieutenant of the Foreſt of Waltham, one of the Deputy-lieutenants of the County of Eſſex, and an ancient Juſtice of the Peace for the ſaid County, who for his Loyalty to King Charles I. in the great Rebellion, underwent much Trouble and Danger. Married Margaret, eldeſt Daughter of William, lord Paget, of Beaudeſert, by whom he had Iſſue, beſides others that died young, Sir Wm. Hickes, Knt. and Bart. Sir Michael Hickes, Knt. and Dame Lætitia, match'd to Arthur, Earl of

(a) Stow's ſurvey, vol. II. appen. p. 116.

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of Donegal, in Ireland. The ſaid William, dying full of Days and Honor, was buried with a Decency due to his Quality, and lieth in the old Chancel, having lived 28 Years after the Deceaſe of his Lady, who dying at Weſtminſter, was interr'd in the Aby-Church there.

D. Gulielmi Hickes, Equitis aurati & Baronetti præfati D. Gulielmi Filii natu maximi et Hæredis. Qui poſtquam Vicecomitis Eſſexien. munus ſplendidè ac fideliter obiiſſet, Eccleſiæ, Patriæ, Principi ſuis conſtanter ſtuduiſſet, annos LXXIII. plus minus honorabiliter vixiſſet, die Aprilis 22, Anno Dom. MDCCIII. Fato ceſſit.

For her:

D. deniq; Marthagnetes D. Gulielmi Hickes Conjugis lectiſſimæ juxta ac piiſſimæ D. Harrei Conyſby, de North-Mimms, in Comitatu Hertfordien. Equitis aurati ex antiquâ Conyſbœorum in Comitatu Hertfordien. Proſapia oriundi Filiæ, natu maximæ. Et quæ numeroſam ſuſcepit prolem, Octo ſcil. natos nataſq; quinque e quibus Harreius, & Carolus, Maria & Margareta adhuc ſuperſunt; illa degens annum ſuæ Ætatis—— Anno Domini—— ad ſuperos evaſit.

This ſecond Sir William, had a numerous iſſue by his ſaid lady, Marthagnes, viz. Mary, Sir Harry, Michael, Margaret, William, Robert, John, Michael, Elizabeth, Charles, and ſome others; whereof four ſurviv'd, viz. two ſons; Sir Harry, and Charles, who was of the Wild, in Hertfordſhire, but now of Kenſington, in Middleſex, who married —— daughter of —— Coningſby, Eſq; and hath one ſon, John, and one daughter. Of Sir William's two daughters, Mary, was wife to James Darcy, of Sedburgh, in the county of York, Eſq; and Margaret, wife to Anthony Wharton, of Gillingwood, in the ſame county, Eſq;

Sir Harry Hickes, eldeſt ſon and heir, ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, and is the preſent baronet. He married firſt, Elizabeth, daughter to Sir John Holmes, Knt. (brother to Sir Robert,) ſome time admiral of the royal navy; by whom he had iſſue, one ſon, Harry, now heir apparent, and two daughters that died unmarried. The ſaid Elizabeth, his firſt wife, deceaſing, 1705, was buried in the church-yard of Low-Layton in Eſſex, having the following inſcription over her (a):

Hic inferius jacent Reliquiæ Dnæ. Elizabethæ Hickes, Conjugis Harreii Hickes, Baronetti, quæ obiit Januarii 14°. Anno Dni 1705, Ætatis ſuæ 29°.

Fæmina

(a) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. V. p. 209.

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Fœmina Venuſtate ac Moribus,
Et quod magis eſt,
Virtute et Pietate ornatiſſima,
Fidelitate et Amore Marito conjunctiſſima;
Cui Filium unum et duas Filias peperit.
Cognatis ſuis blanda,
Pauperibus benefica,
Egrotis Medica,
Amicis Fida,
Comis omnibus,
Morbum Diuturnum,
Et Dolores graviſſimos patienter tulit,
Solo nixa Deo,
Qui eam,
Quoniam dignus illâ non erat Mundus,
In cælum recepit.
Si charitas non moritur, æternum vivet.
P.M.M.P.A.Æ.

Sir Harry, afterwards married, Barbara, the daughter of Joſeph Johnſon, of Walthamſtow, in Eſſex, Gent. by whom he hath had iſſue, Robert, Ardina, Martha, and Elizabeth.

ARMS: Gules, a Feſs, wavy, between three Flower-de-lis, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Buck's Head, coup'd at the Shoulders, Or, gorg'd with a chaplet of Roſes, Gules.

SEAT: At *Beverſton*, in *Gloucesterſhire*.

38. DRYDEN, of Canon's-Aſhby, Northamptonſhire.

(ERASMUS, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Nov. 16, 1619.

OF this family, the firſt we find mentioned was *(a)*, William Driden, or Dreyden, whoſe grandſon,

John Dryden, or Dreyden (for ſo his name *(b)* is ſometimes written) *(c)* was the eldeſt ſon of David Dryden, Eſq; by Iſabel, the daughter and heir of William Nicholſon, of Staffe-hill, in the county of Cumberland. *(d)* Anthony Wood, ſays, 'he was by 'profeſſion, a ſchool-maſter, and being learned, and well ac-'quainted with Eraſmus, of Rotterdam, that perſon was god-'father

(a) Le Neve's MSS, vol. I, p. 113. (b) Bridges's Northamp. p. 146. (c) Vincent's Viſit. of Northamp. MS. Harl. (d) Ath. Ox. vol. I. faſti, p. 115. edit. 1721.

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'father to one of his sons; which is the reason why that chri-
'stian name descends among the family of the Dreydens, in that
'county; some of whom, says he, have gloried in it in my hear-
'ing.' But the learned antiquary must have been misinformed in this account. Erasmus, of Rotterdam, died in 1536, how then could he be godfather to Erasmus, the son of John Dryden, *(a)* who was not born till near twenty years after, and as we learn from *(b)* Mr. Wood himself, took his degree of batchelor of arts, in Oxford, on the 17th of June, 1577. Erasmus Dryden, was named after Erasmus, the eldest son of Sir John Cope, his mother's brother, who might possibly have his name from the famous Erasmus, of Rotterdam. The story of his profession, is no less improbable. For, as first it does not appear, that there ever was a school at Ashby-Canons, so neither is it likely, that Sir John Cope, would have married his daughter to a person in low circumstances; and that she was married before his decease, is evident from the inquisition taken upon Mr. Dryden's death, in the twenty-seventh year of Queen Elizabeth *(c)*; for we learn from thence, that Erasmus, his eldest son by this marriage, was, at that time, one and thirty years old, and consequently must have been born some three or four years before Sir John Cope, died.

By Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Cope, Knt. (and Bridget his wife, daughter of Edward Ralegh, of Farnbro', in com. Warw. Esq; and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir William Chamberlain, Knt.) *(d)* Mr. Dryden left issue, five sons and four daughters. *(e)* He died the 30th of September, 1584, and was succeeded in his estate by Erasmus, his eldest son. The preamble to his will, being somewhat extraordinary, we shall here insert it in his own words *(f)*:

'I, John Dryden, of Ashbye, in the countie of Northton. gen-
'tleman, doe make and ordayne my last will and testament, in
'manner and forme followinge: First, I bequeathe my soul to
'Almightie God, my creator, by the merits of whose sonne,
'Jesus Christ, my onely saviour and redeemer, I doe believe to
'be saved, the Holye Ghost assuring my spirite that I am the e-
'lect of God; my body to be buried in the churche of Ashbie,
'aforesaid, near unto the place, where Sir John Cope, is burried.
'And althoughe I doe not allow of pompe in burialls, yett, for
'some reasonable considerations, I will, that the stone that I have
'allredy prepared, shall be layde upon my grave, and my armes
'and my wyves graven in brasse thereupon. Notwithstanding,
'yf God call for mee farther distant from Ashbye, then that yt
'be thought necessarye to my executors to bring me thither, I
'refer

(a) Esch. anno 27 Eliz. n. 54. p. 2. (b) Athen. Ox. vol. I. fasti, p. 115. (c) Esch. anno 27 Eliz. n. 54. p. 2. (d) Le Neve's MSS. vol. I. p. 113. (e) Ibid. (f) Regist. vocat. Watson, in cur. prerog. Cant.

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'refer that to their diſcreſſions, and ſoe doe I the place of my bu-
'riall, whether in the place aforeſayde, or in the churche-yarde,
'or elſewhere in the churche.'

Then he bequeaths to George Dryden, John, Thomas, and Nicholas, his ſons, with Elizabeth, Bridget, and Emma, his daughters, two thouſand four hundred pounds, to be divided equally among them, when they come to age, and charges them, that they be advis'd and councell'd, in their marriages, by their mother, and eldeſt brother, Eraſmus Dryden, his ſon and heir, whom he alſo charges to have a ſpecial regard and care thereto. On his nephew, David Dryden, he beſtows ten pounds, hoping he will endeavour to benefit in learning ſuch of his ſons that ſhall be ſent to Oxford, and deſires his executors to bring up his ſons and daughters, in learning, and good exerciſes. He bequeaths to Mary Foxeley, his daughter, and her children, a neſt of ſilver tun cups; alſo to John Dryden, (ſon to Eraſmus, his eldeſt ſon) a great gilt ſalt, and to Francis, and Elizabeth, his ſiſters, a tun cup of ſilver; to George, his ſon, he gives all his lands in Adſton; and to all other ſons aforementioned, annuities, out of Aſhby, of ten pounds per ann. during their lives, to begin immediately after his deceaſe, over and above what he had before bequeath'd. The reſt of all his goods, &c. he gives to Eraſmus, his eldeſt ſon, whom he conſtitutes his executor, with Francis Foxeley, Gent. his ſon-in-law, and Thomas Emely, of Helmeden, Eſq.

Theſe legacies ſhew, that Mr. Dryden, muſt have been a man of ſubſtance himſelf, independent of the fortune brought him by his lady. *(a)* The bulk of Sir John Cope's eſtate deſcended to Edward, his grandſon *(b)*, who, in the third year of Charles I. died ſeized of the ſite of the monaſtery, and a large ſhare of the monks poſſeſſions in Aſhby, which he left to Eraſmus, his ſon and ſucceſſor. Sir John Cope, had no eſtate in Adſton, and yet, Mr. Dryden *(c)*, died ſeized of one hundred and twenty acres of arable land there, ſixty acres of meadow, one hundred acres of paſture, ten acres of wood, and forty acres of heath, beſides meſſuages, tofts, dove-coats, gardens, and orchards, all which, as we have ſeen, he left to one of his younger ſons.

On the right hand of the entrance into the vault, in Canons-Aſhby church, lies a broad flat ſtone, with the arms of Dryden, and Cope, engraven on a braſs plate, and below, on another braſs plate, the figure of an old man, in the habit of Queen Elizabeth's time, ſtanding upright, with his hands join'd together, in the poſture of a ſupplicant, but without any inſcription *(d)*. This is the tomb-ſtone of John Dryden, Eſq; the firſt of the family, who had

(a) Eſc. anno 4 & 5 Phil. & Mar. n. 926. p. 1. *(b)* Eſc. anno 3 Car. n. 99. p. 2.
(c) Eſc. anno 27 Eliz. n. 54. p. 2. *(d)* Bridges's Northamptonſhire, p. 151.

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had poſſeſſions in this lordſhip, by his marriage with the daughter of Sir John Cope.

Eraſmus Dryden, Eſq; his ſucceſſor, took his degree of batchelor of arts, in the univerſity of Oxford, on the 17th of June, 1577, (a) levied a fine of this manor, upon his father's deceaſe, and was made ſheriff of Northampton, in the fortieth year of Queen Elizabeth, as alſo in the ſeventeenth of King James I. in whoſe reign, he was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 16th of November, 1619. He took to wife Frances, the ſecond daughter and coheir of William Wilkes, Eſq; of Hodnel, in Warwickſhire, by whom he left iſſue three ſons; 1. Sir John Dryden, his ſucceſſor in the title and eſtate of Canons-Aſhby, of whom hereafter. 2. William Dryden, of Farndon, in com. Northton, Eſq; who had two wives; by the firſt, a daughter of —— Cave, of Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; he had Sir John, hereafter mentioned; but by his ſecond, I don't find he left any iſſue; he died at Farndon, and was there buried. And, 3. Eraſmus Dryden, of Tichmarſh, in com. Northton, Eſq; who married Mary, daughter of John Pickering, D. D. rector of Aldwinckle, by whom he had four ſons and ten daughters; 1. John, the poet-laureat, of whom hereafter: 2. Sir Eraſmus, who ſucceeded his nephew, as hereafter will be ſhewn: 3. Henry, who died at Jamaica, but left a ſon, Richard, living 1708: 4. James, who married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Dunch, of London, merchant, and dying 1694, was buried at St. Dunſtan's in the eaſt, and left iſſue two daughters: Of the daughters of Eraſmus, of Tichmarſh, Agnes, married Silveſter Ernelyn (or Emelyn) of Stamford, in com. Linc. Gent. Roſe, was wife to —— Laughton, D. D. of Catworth, in com. Huntingdon: Lucy, married Stephen Umwell, of London, merchant: Martha, to —— Bletſo, of Northampton, Gent. and Frances, the youngeſt, became the wife of Mr. Joſeph Sandwell, of London, merchant; ſhe died, aged near ninety, Oct. 10, 1736. The three daughters of Sir Eraſmus, were, 1. Suſan, married to Sir John Pickering, of Tichmarſh, in com. Northton, Knt. 2. Mary, the wife of Sir Edward Hartopp, of Freathby, in com. Leiceſt. Bart. and the youngeſt, married —— Salway, of Stanford, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; Sir Eraſmus, lies buried in Canons-Aſhby church, where on the left hand, is a broad flat ſtone, with the following inſcription on a plate of braſs:

> Here lyeth interred the Bodyes of Sir Eraſmus Dryden, Baronet, who deceaſed 22 of Maye, Anno Dom. MDCXXXII. and of Dame Frances, his Wife, who deceaſed 16 of Feb. MDCXXX.

Sir

(a) Rot. fin. anno 27 & 28 Eliz. MS. Hatton.

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Sir John Dryden, Bart. eldeſt ſon, and ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate, was ſheriff of Northamptonſhire, in 1634, 10 Car. I. and choſen knight of the ſhire, in 1640, 16 Car. I. He died in 1664, having had three wives; 1. Priſcilla, daughter of James Quarles, of Rumford, in Eſſex, Eſq; clerk of the greencloth to Queen Elizabeth, and ſiſter to Sir Robert Quarles, of Rumford, Knt. 2. Anne, daughter of Henry Parvis, of Ruckholts, in Low-Layton, in Eſſex, Eſq; by neither of which had he any iſſue; but by his third wife, Honor, daughter of Sir Robert Bevile, of Cheſterton, in Huntingdonſhire, Knt. (by Mary, his wife, daughter and heir of —— Coles, of Preſton, in com. Northton, Eſq;) left iſſue ſix ſons; 1. Sir Robert Dryden, of Canons-Aſhby, his ſucceſſor in the title and eſtate; 2. John Dryden, Eſq; of Cheſterton, who was ſeveral times choſen member of parliament for the county of Huntingdon, in the reign of King William, and died unmarried, in Jan. 1707.

'By his will, dated 1 Jan. 1707, he left his ſiſter, Honor Dryden, and his nephew, Robert Pigot, of Chetwynd, in com. Salop, Eſq; and his brother, Eraſmus Dryden, executors, and order'd his body to be buried in Cheſterton-church, with an inſcription on his tomb; gives his manor of Cheſterton, to Eraſmus, his brother, for life, and Rabbom-manor, in Warwickſhire, to his nephew, Robert Pigot, and to his iſſue male, and alſo the priory of St. Ives, and Wygen farm, in com. Hunt. Papworth-Agnes, com. Hunt. and Cantab. Pealing and Todſland manors, in com. Hunt. and after, to his nephew, Dryden Pigot, and his heirs male, and after, to his nephew, John Sneyd, of Keel, in Staff. and to his heirs male, and after to his couſin, William Dryden, of Preſton, in com. Northton. and to his heirs male; and after, to couſin Edward Dryden, of King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, and to his heirs male; and after to Charles Dryden, his couſin, and to his heirs male; and after to John Dryden, ſon of couſin Dryden, of Fleet-ſtreet. Gives to his neice, the lady Scrimſhire, 100 guineas; to her ſecond ſon, 500l. to her daughter, Sneyd, 500l. to his nephew, Dryden Pigot, 500l. to his nephew, John Sneyd, 1000l. to couſin Eraſmus Dryden, 100 guineas; to couſin Charles Dryden, 500l. to couſin Edward Dryden, of King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, 1000l. to couſin Shaw, 200 guineas; to couſin Martin, 200 guineas; to couſin Elizabeth Dryden, of King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter, 200l. to Anne Pigot, his neice, 2000l. and to John Dryden, ſon of Edward, his godſon, 1000l.' He lies buried in the church at Cheſterton, with this inſcription over him:

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M. S.
Johannis Dryden, Arm. F. natu ſecundi,
Johannis Dryden, de Canons-Aſhby,
In Agro Northampton. Barti. ex Honorâ,
F. & Cohærede, e tribus unâ,
Robti Bevile, Equitis aurati.
Unde ſortem maternam, in hac viciniâ
De Cheſterton & Haddon, adeptus prædia
Dein latè per Comitatum
Huntingdon' adjecit.
Nec ſui profuſus, nec alieni appetens:
A Sitibus ipſe abhorrens,
Et qui aliorum lites æquiſſimo ſæpe
Arbitrio diremit. Vivus, adeo amicitiam
Fucatam coluit minimè,
Et publicam Patriæ ſalutem aſſeruit ſtrenuè,
Ut illa viciſſim cum ſummis, quibus potuit,
Honoribus cumularet,
Lubens ſæpiuſque Senatorem voluerit.
Vel moriens,
Honorum atq; Beneficiorum non immemor,
Maximè vero religioſæ Charitatis intuitu,
Largam ſui Cenſus partem,
Librum ad Valorem XVI. Millium, plus minus,
Vel in locis ubi res & Commercium,
Vel inter Familiares, quibus neceſſitudo
Cum eo vivo interceſſerat,
Erogavit.
Marmor hoc, Nepos & Hæres Viri multum
Deſiderati Robtus Pigot, Arm. P.
Obiit Cælebs in Non' Jan' Anno Dom.
MDCCVII. Ætat. LXXII.

The third ſon of Sir John, was, Eraſmus Dryden, who lived a batchelor, at Canons-Aſhby; 4. Richard Dryden, who died unmarried, in the twenty-fourth year of his age; 5. Bevile, died unmarried, and was buried at St. Brides, in Fleet-ſtreet; 6. Benjamin, a citizen of London, who married an old woman, and died without iſſue. Theſe brothers are ſaid to have enter'd into an agreement with one another, to ſpend their days in celibacy. Sir John Dryden, had alſo four daughters, whereof, Elizabeth, died young; Honor, died unmarried; Frances, married Ralph Sneyd, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of William Sneyd, of Keel-hall, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; and Anne, became the wife of Walter Pigot, of Chetwynd, in Shropſhire, Eſq; father of Robert Pigot, Eſq; knight of the ſhire for Huntingdon, who now poſſeſſes the Cheſterton eſtate, &c. and who has lately new paved and pew'd the church, at Cheſterton, and gave a new pulpit and altar-piece, and glaz'd the windows throughout, in a neat and elegant manner,

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ner, at the expence of ſeveral hundred pound; as formerly he new built the church, at Chetwynd, where he lives.

Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. the eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir John, out-lived all his brethren, died unmarried, about ſeventy-ſix years of age, and was buried in the church of Canons-Aſhby, on the 30th of Auguſt, 1708, where is this inſcription, in the midſt of the ſouth iſle, upon a monument of freeſtone, under the arms of Dryden:

Sacred to the Memory
Of Sir Robert Dryden,
Barronett,
Who departed this Life, Auguſt
the 19th, 1708, Ætat. ſuæ 76.

He left his eſtate at Canons-Aſhby, to Edward Dryden, the only ſon of Sir Eraſmus, the ſecond ſon of Eraſmus Dryden, of Tichmarſh; but the title of baronet devolv'd on Sir John Dryden, the ſon and heir of William Dryden, of Farndon, the ſecond ſon of Sir Eraſmus Dryden, Bart. beforementioned, and elder brother to the ſaid Eraſmus Dryden, of Tichmarſh, Eſq;

Which Sir John Dryden, Bart. married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Luck, of Northamptonſhire; and had iſſue one ſon, John, killed in his father's life-time, by a fall from his horſe; and two daughters, Honor, the wife of Mr. Joſeph Bateman, a ſurgeon, in London, and Elizabeth, who died unmarried. Upon his deceaſe *(a)*, the title came to Sir Eraſmus-Henry, the third ſon of John, (the poet-laureat) who was the eldeſt ſon of Eraſmus Dryden, of Tichmarſh, Eſq; beforementioned, by Mary, his wife, daughter of Dr. Pickering.

But to proceed to the eldeſt of the ſons of the ſaid Eraſmus Dryden, of Tichmarſh, Eſq; beforementioned, which was, John Dryden, Eſq; poet-laureat, and hiſtoriographer to King James II. (which places he loſt, on the revolution.) He was born at Aldwinkle, in the county of Northampton, brought up at Weſtminſter ſchool, and thence elected ſcholar of Trinity-college, in Cambridge, in 1650. He wrote twenty-ſeven plays, and many other poetical performances. His dramatick works have been publiſh'd by Mr. Congreve, and dedicated to his grace, the preſent duke of Newcaſtle: who, in his dedication, tells us, 'That Mr. Dryden, 'had perſonal qualities to challenge both love and eſteem from all 'who were truly acquainted with him. He was of a nature ex-'ceeding humane and compaſſionate, eaſily forgiving injuries,

(a) In the chancel of Woodford-church, in Northamptonſhire, within the rails of the altar, are two tomb-ſtones without any inſcription upon 'em; under the one, lies Mr. Dryden, of Great-Preſton, who died about twelve years ago; and under the other, Sir John Dryden, who had the title, but not the eſtate, buried about ten years ago. Bridges' Northamptonſhire, p. 142.

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'and capable of a prompt and ſincere reconciliation with them 'who had offended him. Such temperament is the only ſolid 'foundation of all moral virtues and ſociable endowments. His 'friendſhip, where he profeſſed it, went much beyond his pro-'feſſions; and I have been told of ſtrong and generous inſtances 'of it by perſons themſelves, who received them; tho' his here-'ditary income was little more than a bare competency. As his 'reading had been very extenſive, ſo was he very happy in a me-'mory tenacious of every thing that he had read. He was not 'more poſſeſſed of knowledge, than he was communicative of it. 'But then his communication of it was by no means pedantic, 'or impoſed upon the converſation, but juſt ſuch, and went ſo 'far, as by the natural turns of the diſcourſe, in which he was 'engaged, it was neceſſarily promoted or required. He was ex-'treme ready and gentle in his correction of the errors of any 'writer, who thought fit to conſult him; and full as ready and 'patient to admit of the reprehenſion of others, in reſpect of his 'own overſight or miſtakes. He was of very eaſy, I may ſay, 'of very pleaſing acceſs. But ſomething ſlow, and as it were 'diffident in his advances to others. He had ſomething in his 'nature that abhorred intruſion into any ſociety whatſoever. 'Indeed it is to be regretted, that he was rather blameable in the 'other extream; for by that means he was perſonally leſs known, 'and conſequently his character might become liable both to miſ-'apprehenſions and miſrepreſentations. To the beſt of my 'knowledge and obſervation, he was, of all men that ever I 'knew, one of the moſt modeſt, and the moſt eaſily to be diſ-'countenanced in his approaches either to his ſuperiors or his e-'quals.—As to his writings, I may venture to ſay in general 'terms, that no man hath written in our language ſo much, 'and ſo various matter, and in ſo various manners, ſo well. 'Another thing I may ſay, was very peculiar to him; which is, 'that his parts did not decline with his years; but that he was 'an improving writer to the laſt, even to near ſeventy years of 'age; improving even in fire and imagination, as well as in 'judgment. Witneſs his ode on St. Cecilia's day, and his fables, 'his lateſt performances. He was equally excellent in verſe and 'proſe. His proſe had all the clearneſs imaginable, together 'with all the nobleneſs of expreſſion, all the graces and orna-'ments proper and peculiar to it, without deviating into the lan-'guage or diction of poetry. I make this obſervation only to di-'ſtinguiſh his ſtyle from that of many poetical writers, who, 'meaning to write harmoniouſly in proſe, do in truth often write 'mere blank verſe. I have heard him frequently own with plea-'ſure, that if he had any talent for Engliſh proſe, it was owing 'to his having often read the writings of the great archbiſhop

'Tillotſon,

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'Tillotson. His versification and his numbers he could learn of 'nobody; for he first possessed those talents in perfection in our 'tongue. And they who have best succeeded in them since his 'time, have been indebted to his example; and the more they 'have been able to imitate him, the better have they succeeded. 'As his style in prose is always specifically different from his style 'in poetry; so on the other hand, in his poems his diction is, 'wherever his subject requires it, so sublimely, and so truly po-'etical, that its essence, like that of pure gold, cannot be destroyed. 'Take his verses, and divest them of their rhimes, disjoint them 'in their numbers, transpose their expressions, make what ar-'rangement and disposition you please of his words; yet shall 'there eternally be poetry, and something which will be found 'incapable of being resolved into absolute prose: an inconteſtable 'characteristick of a truly poetical genius. I will say but one 'word more in general, of his writings, which is, that what he 'had done in any one species or distinct kind, would have been 'sufficient to have acquir'd him a great name. If he had writ-'ten nothing but his prefaces, or nothing but his songs, or his 'prologues, each of them would have entitled him to the prefe-'rence and distinction of excelling in his kind.'

He married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the right honourable Thomas Howard, earl of Berkshire, and dying, May 1, 1701, was buried in Westminster-abby, where, his grace the late duke of Buckingham, out of his great liberality, and peculiar esteem for Mr. Dryden's merit, order'd a noble and sumptuous monument to be erected to his memory.

Mr. Dryden, had no monument erected to him for several years; which Mr. Pope alludes to, in his epitaph intended for Mr. Rowe, where he says *(a)*,

Beneath a rude and nameless stone he lies.

In the note upon which verse, he tells us, that 'the tomb of 'Mr. Dryden, was erected upon this hint, by the duke of Buck-'ingham, to which was originally intended this epitaph:

'This Sheffield rais'd. The sacred Dust below
'Was Dryden once; the rest who does not know?

'Which the author since changed into the plain inscription 'on it, being only the name of that great poet:

'J. Dryden,
'Natus Aug. 9, 1631,
'Mortuus Maii 1, 1701.
'Johannes Sheffield, Dux Buckinghamiensis, fecit.

(a) The works of Alexander Pope, Esq; vol. II. p. 166. edit. London. 1735, in 12mo.

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He left three ſons; Charles, the eldeſt of them, brought up at Trinity-college, in Cambridge, had a genius for poetry, as appears by a copy of his verſes, printed before the earl of Roſcommon's eſſay on tranſlated verſe, and might have done great things, if he had not been unfortunately drown'd at Datchet-ferry, near Windſor. John, the ſecond, went to Rome, and was entertain'd by the pope, as gentleman of his bedchamber. He likewiſe, turn'd his thoughts to poetry, and wrote one play, *The Huſband his own Cuckold.* He died at Rome, of a pleuritick fever, and was honourably interr'd there by the pope's command *(a)*.

Sir Eraſmus-Henry, brother to the ſaid Charles, and John, ſucceeded to the title of baronet, on the death of Sir John Dryden, Bart. beforementioned, his couſin; but dying unmarried, he was buried at Canons-Aſhby, in 1711, and the honour devolv'd on Sir Eraſmus Dryden, Bart. his uncle, the ſecond ſon of Eraſmus Dryden, of Tichmarſh, Eſq; beforementioned.

This Sir Eraſmus Dryden, Bart. was of King-ſtreet, Weſtminſter; but upon the death of Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. who had left a good eſtate to his only ſon, Edward, he went and liv'd at Canons-Aſhby. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Edward Martyn, of the city of Weſtminſter, by whom he had one ſon, Edward, and two daughters; Elizabeth, the wife of Richard Martyn, D. D. prebendary of Weſtminſter, and Mary, the wife of John Shaw, of the board of green-cloth, Eſq;

Edward, his only ſon, was poſſeſſed of the eſtate of Canons-Aſhby, by the gift of his couſin, Sir Robert Dryden, Bart. and died a year before his father, on the 3d of November, 1717. He married Elizabeth, the daughter of Mr. Allen, ſon of Sir Thomas Allen, Knt. a Turkey merchant, in London, by whom he had iſſue five ſons; Sir John Dryden, ſucceſſor to his grandfather; Robert, Eraſmus, Edward, and Bevile; and three daughters; Elizabeth, Mary, and Anne. In the family-vault, in Canons-Aſhby, are two leaden coffins, with the bodies of the late Sir Eraſmus Dryden, Bart. and his only ſon, Edward Dryden, Eſq; the firſt died, Nov. 3, 1718, aged eighty-two; and the other, Nov. 3, 1717, aged forty-nine. Upon repairing the chapel, and altering the vault, there were found ſeveral leaden coffins, which, having no inſcription, were reburied, and are not now to be ſeen.

Which Sir John Dryden, the preſent baronet, hath married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter and heir of Thomas Ingram, of

(*a*) Charles, was uſher of the palace to pope Clement XI. and upon his return to England, left his brother John, to officiate in his room, and was drown'd in ſwimming croſs the Thames, near Windſor, in 1704. He wrote ſeveral pieces, and tranſlated the ſixth ſatyr of Juvenal; his brother, John, tranſlated the fourteenth ſatyr of Juvenal, and was author of a comedy, intitled, *The Huſband his own Cuckold*, printed 1696, at London. He died at Rome, not many months after his father. General Dictionary, in folio, vol. IV. p. 684.

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of Barraby, in Yorkſhire, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue: 2. Elizabeth, daughter of John Roper, of Berkhamſtead, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; by whom he hath, as yet, no iſſue.

ARMS: Azure, a Lyon rampant, and in Chief, a Sphere between two Etoiles, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Lion, ſuſtaining in his right Paw, a Sphere, as in the Arms.

SEAT: At *Canons-Aſhby*, in *Northamptonſhire*; where, ſays Mr. Bridges, (in his hiſtory of Northamptonſhire,) is one room of thirty foot long, upon twenty foot wide, which is reported to be entirely floor'd and wainſcotted with the timber of a ſingle oak, which grew in that lordſhip.

39. HARTOPP, of Freathby, Leiceſterſhire.

(EDWARD, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Dec. 3, 1619.

THE firſt mentioned of this family *(a)*, is Ralph Hartopp, living in the reign of King Richard II. A. D. 1377, who, by his wife, a daughter of Alexander Mayne, had iſſue *(b)* two ſons, and five daughters, whereof, Alexander Hartopp, died without iſſue, and his brother, John, by marriage with Margaret, daughter of Thomas Bridgeman, had iſſue, Henry, who had to wife, Barbara, daughter of Rauf Fitz-Randall, from whom proceeded, John Hartopp, of Burton-Lazers, in com. Leiceſt. who wedded Jane, daughter of William Englebeard, or Englebert, and had a ſon, named Richard, who, by his wife, daughter to Ralph Chamberlain, had iſſue, Thomas Hartopp, who married Ellen, daughter to John Allen, and left two ſons.

Valentine, his ſecond ſon, (by Anne, his wife, daughter and heir of William Goodman,) was father of Sir William Hartopp, of Burton-Lazers, knighted at Aſhby de la Zouch, the 2d of Sept. 1617; and dying, A. D. 1622, left iſſue, Thomas, his ſon and heir, born in the year 1600, who was likewiſe a knight; and marrying Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Bendiſh, of Steeple-Bumſted, in Eſſex, Bart. had two daughters, Dorothy, and Mary, alſo four ſons, viz. 1. William, who was knighted, and taking to wife, Agnes, daughter of Sir Martin Liſter, left two ſons, viz. Thomas Hartopp, Eſq; (who left a ſon, Chiverton Hartopp, of

(*a*) Viſit. de com. Leiceſt. A. D. 1619. (*b*) Ex ſtemmate penes Dom. Joh. Hartopp, Bar.

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Woodhouſe, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; late high ſheriff of the county, and ſeveral daughters) and Martin Hartopp, doctor of phyſick; alſo four daughters; whereof, Dorothy, married William Younge, of Shropſhire, Eſq; and Agnes, the right rev. William Talbot, the late biſhop of Sarum, and Durham;) 2. Edward; 3. Thomas; 4. John: of whom, Thomas, rais'd a fair fortune, was one of the aldermen of the city of London, and marrying (Aug. 4. 1674) Elizabeth, ſecond daughter of Mr. John Buckworth, merchant, left one ſon, Peter Hartopp, living (1718) of Walthamſtow, in Eſſex, Turkey-merchant, and ſeveral daughters. I now return to,

William Hartopp, Eſq; (eldeſt brother of the aforeſaid Valentine) who took to wife, Eleanor, daughter and heir of —— Adcock, and had a numerous iſſue, of which, Anne *(a)*, married Sir Francis South, of Kelſterne, in com. Linc. Knt. Thomas, his eldeſt ſon, died unmarried; but Edward, (of whom hereafter) Valentine, and George, (who was of Gray's-Inn) ſeverally left poſterity. The ſaid George, married Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Liſter, of Coleby, in com. Linc. and left three ſons; 1. William, who wedded Dorothy, eldeſt daughter of Sir Thomas Hartopp, Knt. (by his wife, the daughter of Sir Thomas Bendiſh, Bart.) and had eight ſons, (whereof his eldeſt, William Hartopp, of Little-Dalby, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Hartopp, Eſq; alderman of London;) 2. Thomas; 3. George, who ſettled in Ireland. The ſaid Thomas, (ſecond ſon of George, and brother of the aforeſaid William,) was a gentleman very remarkable for his great ſtrength and courage, of whom 'tis related, that being at Antwerp, in the Low-countries, and ſeeing a prize-fighting, wherein the combatants did not acquit themſelves to the ſatisfaction of the ſpectators, he was ſo offended thereat, that he got upon the ſtage, and challenging them, encountred no leſs than five, one after another, whom he entirely diſabled, whereby he gain'd a very great applauſe, and being of comely perſonage and ſtature, a lady of quality and fortune, who was preſent at the fight, fell ſo much in love with him, that ſhe ſent him word, She was at his ſervice if he was diſpos'd to marry; and he embracing the offer, ſettled there, ſerv'd the king of Spain in his armies, and left a ſon, Thomas Hartopp, Eſq; who was a colonel in the emperor's ſervice, and governor of one of his fortreſſes.

Edward Hartopp, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon of William, beforementioned) ſerv'd, in his youth, under the earl of Leiceſter, in the Low-countries, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and after his return, reſiding at Buckminſter, was ſheriff of Leiceſterſhire *(b)*, in 15 Jac.

(a) St. George's Viſit. of Northton, p. 78. *(b)* Burton's Hiſt. of Leiceſterſhire, in liſt of ſheriffs.

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Jac. I. but poſſeſſing likewiſe a good eſtate, at Freathby, in the ſaid county, he afterwards lived there, and was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 17 Jac. I. He was a gentleman much valu'd and eſteem'd by his countrymen, who elected him one of the knights of the ſhire for the county *(a)* aforeſaid, in the reign of King Charles I. and having married Mary, daughter of Sir Eraſmus Dryden, of Canons-Aſhby, in com. Northton, Bart. departed this life, in the year 1652, leaving iſſue two ſons; Edward, born in the year 1608, who ſucceeded him, and Richard, who died without iſſue; alſo three daughters, Frances, married to Sir Richard Earl, of Scraglethorp, in com. Linc. Bart. Anne, wife to Thomas White, of Cotgrave, in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; and Elizabeth, wedded to Mountague Cholmley, of Eaſton, in the county of Lincoln, Eſq;

Sir Edward Hartopp, Bart. eldeſt ſon, and ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate, married Mary *(b)*, daughter of Sir John Cook, of Melburn, in com. Derb. Knt. one of the principal ſecretaries of ſtate to King Charles I. and had iſſue one ſon, Sir John, and a daughter, Mary, married to Smith Fleetwood, of Stoke-Newington, in com. Midd. Eſq; This Sir Edward, deceaſing in the year 1657, was ſucceeded in title and eſtate, by his only ſon,

Sir John Hartopp, Bart. who was elected one of the knights for Leiceſterſhire, in three parliaments, in the reign of King Charles II. viz. two at Weſtminſter, and his laſt at Oxford; and taking to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Charles Fleetwood, of Stoke-Newington aforeſaid, Eſq; (who died in Nov. 1711,) had iſſue by her four ſons, and nine daughters, whereof Charles, Edward, and John, the three eldeſt ſons, died in their infancy, and his only ſurviving ſon, Sir John, was his ſucceſſor.

Of the daughters of the late Sir John, two died young; Mary, Elizabeth, Anne, Bridget, and Dorothy, are living and unmarried; Martha, died unmarried, and Frances, wedded Sir Nathaniel Gould, of Stoke-Newington, in com. Middleſ. Knt. deceaſed, leaving iſſue by him, Mary, married to Sir Francis St. John, of Thorp, in com. Northamp. Bart. deceaſed; and Elizabeth, married to Thomas Cook, of Stoke-Newington, Eſq; late governor of the bank of England.

This Sir John Hartopp, Bart. died, April, 1722, and was ſucceeded in title and eſtate, by his only ſon,

Sir John Hartopp, the preſent baronet, who married, 1716, Sarah, daughter of Sir Joſeph Wolfe, of Hackney, in com. Middleſex, Knt. by whom he hath iſſue two daughters, Sarah, and Elizabeth.

ARMS:

(a) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm. *(b)* Dugdale's Viſit. Derb. fo. 82.

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ARMS: Sable, a Cheveron Ermine, between three Otters, paſſant, Argent.

CREST: Out of a ducal Coronet, Or, a Pelican, Argent, vulning her ſelf, proper.

SEATS: At *Freathby*, and *Buckminſter*, both in *Leiceſterſhire*.

40. MILL, of Camois-Court, Suſſex.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, December 31, 1619.

THIS family hath, in ancient times, been written Atte-Mill, Atte-Mull, Mull, Mille, *(a)* and for many ages down to this time, Mill, is of good antiquity and reputation, and have flouriſhed for many generations, in the county of Suſſex, ſome of whoſe deſcendants likewiſe, branch'd into the county of Southampton, from whom the preſent Sir Richard Mill, Bart. is deſcended.

But certain it is, that John Atte-Mill, was lord of Gretham, in com. Suſſex, 39 Edward III. and he had iſſue two ſons, Robert Atte-Mull, or Mille, of Guilford, in Surry, who lived temp. Ric. II. as appears by ſeveral deeds *(b)*: he was ſheriff of Suſſex and Surry *(c)*, 13 Ric. II. and died without iſſue, (leaving his couſin, Robert, his heir;) and Richard Mille, his brother, which Richard, had a ſon, John Atte-Mull, of Nutborne, living 8 Hen. V. and 12 Hen. VI. The ſaid John Atte-Mull, had iſſue, Robert Mull, alias Mille *(d)*, to whom the feoffees of Robert Mill, enfeoff the lands in Gretham, and Pulborough, anno 12 and 26 Hen. VI. he had iſſue two ſons; 1. Richard Mille, of Gretham, aforeſaid, living 19 Edw. IV. and died 1504, and 2. Edmund Mille, of Pulborough *(e)*, in the county of Suſſex; which line terminated in a daughter, married to Nicholas Anſtie. The laſt named Richard Mille, married Agnes, daughter of Thomas Lewknor, relict of Andrew Sackvile, (ſhe married to her third huſband, —— Kighley,) and had iſſue two ſons; 1. William Mill, of Gretham, in the county of Suſſex, living 13 Henry VII. and 22 Hen. VIII.

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Ri. Mill, Bar. *(b)* Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 116. *(c)* Fuller's worthies in Surry. *(d)* Robtus Mulle, filius Johis Mulle, de Nutborne, conſanguineus & hæres Robti Mulle, de Guldeford, videlt. filius Johis, filii Rici, fratris præd. Robti, de Guldeford, relaxavit Thom. de Polſted, & Jo. uxor. & hæred. ſuis, in terris in Worpleſden & Aſhe, com. Surr. Kerdeford, Gretham, Pulberg, com. Suſſex, Rot. Clauſ. 12 Hen. VI. m. 13. *(e)* Robtus Mulle, filius Johis, filii Rici. relaxavit Edmund. Mulle, & hæredibus ejus in maner. Munden, &c. & terr. in paroch. de Fyndon, in com. Suſſex. Rot. Clauſ. 12 Hen. VI. m. 13.

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VIII. from whom, Thomas Mill, of Gretham, aforesaid, Esq; that was living 1634, and married Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Cooper, of Slingford, in the county of Sussex, Esq; was lineally descended *(a)*; and from him descended William Mill, of Gretham, Esq; who died, June, 1729, whereupon this branch terminated in daughters and coheirs, now living.

John Mill, of Hampton, and also of Gretham, (second son of Richard,) by Alice, his wife, (living 38 Hen. VIII.) had issue, John Mill, of Gretham, aforesaid, who married Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir Roger Lewknor, of Trotton, and also of Camois-Court, in the county of Sussex, Knt. by Ellen, his third wife, daughter of Thomas Mesant; lineally descended from Roger Lewknor, high sheriff of Sussex and Surry, 20 Edward III. son of Thomas, son of Roger de Lewknor, high sheriff of Surry, 12 Edw. I. by which match, the family of Mill, become allied to the noble families of Bardolph, D'oily, Carew, of Mulford, Dalingrigg, lord Camois, and Pelham.

The last mentioned John Mill, by Catherine, his wife, had issue, Lewknor Mill, of Camois-Court, in the county of Sussex, only son and heir, who married Cicely, daughter of John Crook, of the town of Southampton, Esq; by whom he had issue four sons, and four daughters, viz. 1. Sir John Mill, of Camois-Court, in the county of Sussex, and also of Newton-Berry, in the county of Southampton, advanced to the dignity of a baronet, the seventeenth of James I. Lewknor, second son, who died Dec. 5, 1567 *(b)*. John, third, and Thomas, fourth son; which three last died without issue: Dowsabella, eldest daughter; Catherine, second; Mary, third, and ——, fourth daughter.

The said Sir John Mill, Bart. was elected a member for the town of Southampton, in the parliament, 21 Jac. I. *(c)* as also in several succeeding ones, in the reign of King Charles I. He married *(d)* to his first wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George More, of Losley, in the county of Surry, Knt. who died without issue; and afterwards he took to wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Flemming, Knt. lord chief-justice of England, by whom he had issue eight sons, viz. 1. Sir John Mill, of Newton-Berry, in com. Southampton. Knt. who was made a knight banneret by King Charles I. *(e)* (and killed by one Slatford, near Oxford, in the life-time of his father.) 2. Thomas Mill, of Nutshelling, in com. Southampton. Esq; (who married Catherine, daughter and sole heir of Andrew Mundy, of Nutshelling aforesaid, Esq; and whose grandson, Henry, is now living.) 3. Anthony, died young. 4. Richard Mill, of Oxford, died unmarried. 5. Lewknor Mill, of

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Ri. Mill, Bar. *(b)* See church notes in visit. of Hants, by Sir Hen. St. George, p. 16. *(c)* MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm. *(d)* Ex infor. Dom. Ric. Mill, Bar. *(e)* Ibid.

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of Plaitford, in com. Wilts, who died unmarried. 6. Edward Mill, of Eling, in com. Southampton, (married to Jane, daughter of Thomas Burgeſs, of Byton, in the ſaid county, by whom he had two daughters;) George, ſeventh, and William, eighth ſons, both died young.

The laſt mentioned Sir John Mill, Knt. (who died *vitâ patris*) married Philadelphia, daughter of Sir Henry Knollys, of Grove-Place, in the pariſh of Nutſhelling, in com. Southampton, Knt. comptroller of the houſhold to King Charles I. (ſhe ſurviving him, married Chriſtopher Roper, lord Teynham, from whom the preſent lord Teynham, is lineally deſcended) by whom he had iſſue,

Sir John Mill, of Newton-Berry, aforeſaid, Bart. only ſon and heir, ſucceſſor to his grandfather, who died in the twenty-eighth year of his age, anno 1670 *(a)*. He married Margaret, daughter of colonel Henry Sandys, of Mottisfont, in com. Southampton. (who was mortally wounded on the king's part, in the fight of Bramdene, near Alsford, in the ſaid county, March 29, 1644, and died April 6, following,) by Jane, his wife, daughter of Sir William Sandys, of Muſerden, in the county of Glouceſter, Knt. *(b)* The ſaid colonel Henry Sandys, was ſon of Sir Edwin Sandys, of Latimers, in com. Bucks, Knt. by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of William, lord Sandys, of the Vine, lineally deſcended from Sir William Sandys, knight of the moſt noble order of the garter, lord chamberlain of the houſhold to King Henry VIII. firſt lord Sandys, of the Vine, by Margaret, daughter and ſole heir of John Bray, Eſq; (ſon of Sir Richard Bray, Knt. one of the council to King Henry VI.) and neice to Sir Reginald Bray, likewiſe one of the knights-companions of the ſaid moſt noble order of the garter.

The aforeſaid Margaret, wife of Sir John Mill, was ſiſter of Edwin, laſt lord Sandys, of the Vine, and at length one of his coheirs, who dying unmarried, gave to his nephew, Sir John Mill, (the ſon of the ſaid Margaret,) all the eſtate he had in the world *(c)*.

Which Sir John Mill, Bart. (the nephew of Edwin, lord Sandys) was high ſheriff for the county of Southampton, 1685: he married Margaret, daughter and heir of Thomas Grey, of Woolbeding, in the county of Suſſex, Eſq; by whom he had iſſue two ſons, and four daughters, viz. *(d)* 1. Sir John, his eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor; 2. Sir Richard, of whom hereafter. The daughters were, 1. Margaret, (married to Robert Knollys, younger brother of Henry, and ſon of Robert Knollys, of Grove-Place, in com. Southampton, Eſq;) 2. Mary, who died unmarried;

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. R. Mill, Bar. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid. (*d*) Ibid.

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unmarried; 3. Elizabeth, (married to Sir Thomas Hobby, of Somerley, in the ſaid county of Southampton, Bart.) and 4. Philadelphia.

Sir John Mill, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, but dying unmarried, was ſucceeded by his brother,

Sir Richard Mill, the preſent baronet, who ſerv'd the office of high ſheriff for the county of Southampton, 1723, and was a repreſentative in the laſt parliament, for Midhurſt, in Suſſex, and elected in this preſent parliament, for Penryn, in Cornwall. He married *(a)* Margaret, eldeſt daughter of Robert Knollys, of Grove-place, in com. Southampton. Eſq; by whom he had iſſue four ſons, and five daughters; 1. Richad Mill, Eſq; eldeſt ſon, and heir apparent; 2. John; 3. Henry; and 4. Charles. The daughters were, Margaret, Philadelphia, Elizabeth, Mary, and Martha.

ARMS: Parted per Feſs, Argent and Sable, a Pale counterchanged, and three Bears, ſaliant, 2 and 1 counterchang'd, muzzled, and chain'd, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Bear, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Aides Dieu.*

SEATS: At *Mottisfont* and *Newton-Berry*, both in com. *Southampton.* and *Woolbeding*, in *Suſſex.*

41. FOULIS, of Ingleby, Yorkſhire.

(Sir DAVID, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, February 6, 1619

THO' this family, for many ages, inhabited in that part of Great-Britain, called Scotland, yet, in all probability, it was originally Engliſh, ſince one of the name made a conſiderable figure in Kent. before the Norman invaſion, as Taylor, in his hiſtory of Gavelkind, tells us; and that he, together with ſeveral others, who oppos'd King William I. being treated with much rigour and ſeverity, fled into Scotland, with Margaret, the ſiſter of Edgar Atheling, (afterwards married to Malcom Conmore, king of Scotland) and ſettled there, where his deſcendants flouriſh to this day; for which he cites biſhop Roſs's hiſtory of Scotland; likewiſe Hollingſhed *(b)*, relates the ſame thing.

After this removal, tis likely this family ſettled in the north of Scotland, and gave denomination to a town of their name, which now belongs to the Monroes: 'tis certain, that ſeveral thereof bore conſiderable offices under the kings of Scotland *(c)*; for William

(a) Ibid. (b) Chron. fol. 254. (c) Dugdale's viſit. com. Ebor. 1665.

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William Fowlis, was keeper of the privy-ſeal to King James I. A. D. 1430, and left iſſue, William, his ſon and heir, who married Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Walter Ogilby, Knt. by whom he had two ſons; William, who died without iſſue, and James, who, by his wife, Margaret, the daughter of Sir Thomas Henderſon, Knt. had iſſue a ſon, James, who was heir to his uncle, William, and purchaſed the lands of Collington, from William, maſter of Glencarne, A. D. 1519. He was keeper of the regiſter to King James V. of Scotland, A. D. 1530, and having married Barbara, daughter of —— Brown, of Fordee, in Fyſe, was ſucceeded by Henry Foulis, his ſon and heir, who eſpouſed Mary, daughter of —— Hadden, of Glenargis, by a daughter of the earl of Mar, by whom he had iſſue, 1. James; 2. David Foulis, (the perſon here chiefly concern'd) and others.

This David, was agent, from King James VI. of Scotland, (firſt monarch of Great-Britain) to Queen Elizabeth, and after the death of that princeſs, was knighted by his royal maſter, at the Tower of London, May 13, 1603, before his coronation, two years after which, waiting on his majeſty *(a)* to Oxford, he was (with others belonging to the court) created maſter of arts in that univerſity, and had the dignity of a baronet conferr'd upon him, by letters patents bearing date, February the 6th, 1619: he was cofferer to Prince Henry, eldeſt ſon of the ſaid King James, and after his deceaſe, he bore the ſame office under Prince Charles, (afterwards King Charles I.) He purchaſed the manor and ſeat of Ingleby-manor, in Cleaveland, in Yorkſhire, of the lord Eure, where he reſided moſtly, and was made one of his majeſty's council for the northern parts, and cuſtos rotulorum, deputy-lieutenant, and juſtice of the peace for the north-riding of that county.

But as he appear'd with ſome zeal, in 1632, againſt the commiſſion which was iſſu'd to compel gentlemen to compound for not having taken the honour of knighthood, to which they were oblig'd, by an old obſolete law, and had let fall ſome expreſſions, reflecting upon Thomas, lord viſcount Wentworth, lord-preſident of the council in the north, for his proceedings therein; he, and his eldeſt ſon, Henry, were cenſur'd for it in the court of ſtar-chamber, in 1633 *(b)*, Sir David, was declar'd incapable of all the offices and places which he held, was committed priſoner to the Fleet, during his majeſty's pleaſure, fin'd 5000l. to the king, and 3000l. to the lord Wentworth; for the payment of which fines, he was forced to ſell part of his eſtate. His ſon and heir, Henry, was alſo committed priſoner to the Fleet, during his majeſty's pleaſure, and fin'd 500l.

This Sir David, married Cordelia, the daughter of William Fleetwood,

(a) Wood's Faſti Oxon. vol. I. p. 173. *(b)* Ruſhworth's Coll. part 2. p. 215. where the whole proceedings at large againſt them, are incerted.

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Fleetwood, of Great-Miſſenden, in com. Bucks, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, and recorder of London, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, by whom he had iſſue two daughters; 1. Anne, married to George Purvis, doctor in phyſick; 2. Elizabeth, who died unmarried, and five ſons; 1. Sir Henry, his ſucceſſor in the title and eſtate; 2. Robert; 3. John; 4. Edward; and 5. William, who all died without iſſue: Sir David, died in 1642, and was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

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(*a*) Wood's Athen. Oxon. vol. II. p. 455.

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Sir William Fowlis, Bart. his third, but eldeſt ſurviving ſon, who married Anne, daughter of John Lawrence, of the city of Weſtminſter, Eſq; widow of Sir Lumley Robinſon, of Kentwell-Hall, in com. Suff. Bart. by whom he left iſſue only one ſon, Sir William, and died Oct. 1741, aged eighty-three.

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Robert Cheſter, or Cheſtre, in the aforeſaid county of Glouceſter, was a perſon of ſome note; for, in the twenty-third *(a)* year of the reign of King Henry VI. he had, with others, a licenſe to found a gild, or fraternity, to the praiſe and honour of the Trinity, in the town of Stow St. Edward, in the ſaid county, to endure for ever: to conſiſt of a warden or maſter, and as many perſons as ſhould think fit to be of the fraternity; which ſaid warden, or maſter, with the major part of the fraternity, and their ſucceſſors, are impower'd to chuſe annually, a warden, on the eve of the Trinity, for the government of the ſame: alſo, that they be one body corporate, have a common ſeal, purchaſe lands, be impleaded, &c. And likewiſe are impower'd to erect a chantry, and purchaſe lands of the value of 10 l. per ann. for the maintenance of a chaplain, to be appointed by the ſaid Robert Cheſtre, and others, their executors or aſſigns, who ſhould pray at the altar of the Holy Trinity, in the pariſh of Stow St. Edward, aforeſaid, for the welfare of the king, and Margaret, his queen, and for the ſouls of their progenitors, and for the welfare of Sir Ralph Boteler, Knt. lord Sudley, treaſurer of England, Sir John Beauchamp, of Powick, Knt. and for the warden of the ſaid ſociety.

This Robert Cheſtre, was father to *(b)* William, Richard, and (probably) Henry Cheſtre, of Briſtol, merchant, who makes his will, Feb. 3, 1470, (11 Edw. IV.) bequeaths his body to be buried *(c)* in the church of All Saints, in Briſtol, and conſtitutes Alice, his wife, executrix, who made her will *(d)* the 10th of Decemb. 1485, wherein ſhe deſires her body to be buried in All Saints, Briſtol, near her huſband, Henry Cheſtre, and conſtitutes her ſon, John Cheſtre, of Briſtol, merchant, executor.

Which John, makes his will *(e)*, 22 Decemb. 1488, and bequeathes his body to be buried in the ſame curch, near the ſepulchre of his parents, and conſtitutes Anne, his wife, ſole executrix. After whom, was William Cheſter *(f)*, alias Cheſtre, alderman of Briſtol, whoſe teſtament bears date Septemb. 2, 1558; and the probat thereof, Nov. 8, 1559; who left ſeveral ſons, one of which was named Thomas, probably the ſame Thomas Chetter, (ſon of William,) who, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, purchaſed the manor of Amſbury, in Glouceſterſhire, from whom, thoſe of the name there, derive their deſcent.

Richard Cheſtre, beforementioned, is ſtyl'd brother of William; and in 16 Edward IV. one of the executors *(g)* of his laſt will and teſtament, wherein, Robert Cheſter, is mentioned to be their father. Alſo I find Alice, to be the wife of the ſaid Richard *(h)*, and

(a) Privat. Sigill. 21 Auguſt. 23 Hen. VI. *(b)* Ex regiſt. vocat. Wattys, qu. 23. in cur. prerog. Cant. *(c)* Wattys, qu. 1. *(d)* Logge, qu. 14. *(e)* Milles, qu. 23. *(f)* Cheyne, qu. 52. *(g)* Wattys, qu. 23. *(h)* Holgrave, qu. 35.

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and to ſurvive him, as appears by her laſt teſtament, bearing date the laſt of Auguſt, 1504, (20 Henry VII.) wherein ſhe deſires to be buried in St. Buttolph, without Aldgate, near her late huſband, Richard Cheſtre. She liv'd, after his death, among the nuns, at the Minories, and bequeathes her black hood of profeſſion, to Mrs. Staland, ſiſter, at St. Catherines; conſtitutes Thomas Bulliſdon, (who had married Joan, her daughter) executor, and ſtiling herſelf dame Alice Cheſtre, widow, late the wife of Richard Cheſtre, citizen and ſkinner, of London, and alderman and ſheriff thereof, revokes all other wills.

William Cheſtre, elder brother to the ſaid Richard, who was likewiſe citizen and ſkinner of London, and merchant of the ſtaple at Calais, had, in 7 Edw. IV. *(a)* a grant of the arms and creſt, (as now us'd by his deſcendants) under the ſeal of William Hawkſlow, Eſq; Clarencieux, king at arms, dated 22 May. He was poſſeſs'd of much wealth, and was a perſon of great piety, as the charities he leaves in his will, evinces, which bears *(b)* date the 5th of May, 1476, (16 Edw. IV.) ſoon after which, he died, for it was prov'd 27 Sept. following. 'He bequeaths his body to 'be buried after the will of his executors, and that 20l. be given 'to poor men and women, the day of his deceaſe: alſo to every 'three orders of the fryers, in London, iiil. vis. viiid. to the 'four orders of fryers, in Oxenford; 33s. 4d. to every lazar-'houſe within four miles of London; 20s. to the compters, 20s. 'each; to the priſoners in Newgate, 40s. to thoſe in Ludgate, 'Fleet, and king's-bench, 40s. each, and to other priſoners, 'where need is, 40s. He farther orders, that 100 gowns, ſhirts, 'and ſmocks, be given to poor people, to pray for him, and that 'from his deceaſing, to his month's day, dirige and maſs be daily 'ſaid, and every prieſt preſent thereat to have vis. viiid. and the 'pariſh-prieſt viiis. ivd. and every poor man and woman preſent, '1d. tho' there be 300 of them, with meat and drink plentifully. 'He alſo bequeathes to the church of the glorious king, St. Ed-'ward, of Stowe, in Cottiſwald, a ſuit of veſtments, to the value 'of 20l. and to the high altar there, 20s. alſo to 100 pariſh-'churches, where need is, at the diſcretion of his executors, iiii 'hundred nobles, *(i. e.)* vis. viiid. to every church, likewiſe a 'ſuit of veſtments of the value of 20l. to St. Buttolph's church, 'without Aldgate; as alſo a bell of 500 weight, for a clock 'thereto; and to Walthamſtow-church, in Eſſex, 10s. and to 'Wekewon-church, in the vale of Eveſham, 20s. Moreover, 'he gives to Agnes Cheſter, his wife, his lands, rents, plate, and 'houſhold-goods, as long as ſhe lives a widow; but if ſhe marry, 'to have only 500 marks, with his plate and houſhold-goods, but 'none

(*a*) Viſ. de Lond. penes præſton. vicecom. Fermanagh. (*b*) Wattys præd. qu. 23.

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'none of his lands, which he wills after her deceaſe, or marriage, 'to John Cheſter, his ſon, except his rents in London, and in 'Suſſex, which he deſires his excutors to ſell, and diſpoſe of the 'money for hisſoule, and his father and mother's ſoules; alſo that 'his rents in Southwark, ſhould maintain an alms-houſe, at Skin-'ners-hall in bread, for ever, to be diſtributed to poor men and 'women, by four fryers of the iiii orders, every Friday in the 'year, between nine and ten, and they to have for their labour, 'iiii pennyworth of bread of the ſame alms.

'Beſides this, he wills, that his executors, out of the ſame lands 'in Southwark, maintain a chantry, in Stow, in Cottiſwold, in 'worſhip of the Holy Trinity, mortized by his father, Robert 'Cheſter, then fallen to decay, and that they make proviſion for 'a vertuous prieſt, of good conditions, to ſay dirige, for his ſoule, 'his wife's ſoule, his father's and mother's, his children's ſoules, 'and all chriſtian ſoules; which chantry, when vacant, ſhould 'be in the gift of the maſter of the gild, and church-wardens of 'Stowe: alſo, that out of the ſame poſſeſſions in Southwark, 'ground be purchaſed, as nigh the church of Stowe, as can be 'had, to build an alms-houſe, with viii manſions, for viii vertu-'ous poor men and women, every of them to have, on Saturday, 'viii d. or a man and his wife dwelling together, xii d. and a wo-'man to waſh and attend them every week, to have for her la-'bour viii d. And if any of the brethren or truſtees of the gild 'of St. Edward, at Stowe, fall to ſuch penury that they have 'nought to live with, that then they ſhould be received before 'any other. Farthermore, he gives 20s. to keep his year's mind, 'and iis to the pariſh-prieſt, yearly, to pray in the pulpit by 'name, for him and his wife, his father and mother, his wife's fa-'ther and mother, and all chriſtian ſoules.

'He gives to the company of Skynners, of London, 20l. with 'ii cups and vi ſpoons, weighty, and to John Cheſter, his ſon, 'on his good behaviour to his wife, 300l. alſo a quarter and half 'of a ſhip, called the May-flower, and a ſhip called the John; 'and to two children of his ſaid ſon, John, 40l. each: to maſter 'William Hill, vicar of Walthamſtow, 20l. and to the pariſh-'prieſt of St. Buttolph, x marks more. He likewiſe beſtows ſe-'veral legacies on his ſervants and kinsfolks, among whom is, 'Thomas Cheſter, of Stowe, Joan, his brother's daughter, and 'conſtitutes Agnes, his wife, and Richard Cheſter, (beforemen-'tioned) his brother, executors.

The ſaid Agnes, (who was daughter of —— Hill) died in 3 Ric. III. *(a)* and by her laſt teſtament, dated the 28th of June, 1484, (the probat whereof is on 13 July following) 'bequeaths 'her body to be buried in the pariſh of St. Buttolph, with-

(a) Legge, qu. 9.

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'out Aldgate, in the burying-place there of William Cheſter, 'her late huſband, and orders her executors to give x marks to 'an honeſt prieſt, of good name, and good fame, to ſing maſs, 'and other divine ſervice in the ſaid pariſh-church, for one year, 'for her ſoule, and her late huſband's ſoule, as alſo for the ſoules of 'all her friends and benefactors, and all chriſtian ſoules; and that '4l. 3s. 4d. be given to poor and needy people, at her burial. 'She leaves ſeveral ſums of money to ſeveral churches, for maſſes 'to be ſaid and ſung for her ſoule, and the ſoules aforementioned; 'alſo legacies to the ſeveral hoſpitals in London, therewith to re-'freſh poor people, and gives to John Cheſter, her ſon, all her 'lands and tenements, in Lytilſtone, in Eſſex; alſo, other be-'queſts to her relations, and appoints Sir William Hill, clerk, 'her brother, and Hugh Brown, mercer of London, her execu-'tors.'

The ſaid John Cheſter, writes himſelf citizen and draper, of London, in his laſt teſtament, and died in May, 1513, 5 Henry VIII. as appears by the probat thereof. 'By (a) which 'teſtament, he leaves ſeveral ſums of money to poor people, and 'to monaſteries, to pray for his ſoul, and to ſeveral priſons and 'hoſpitals in London. Deſires Joan, his wife, as long as ſhe 'lives, to cauſe a ſolemn obite or anniverſary to be kept yearly, 'in the church of St. Thomas, of Acon, in Weſtchepe, London, 'and that ſhe cauſe his body to be buried there. Alſo that ſhe 'would make proviſion that he may be pray'd for, by name, in 'the pariſh-church of Abchurch, (where he inhabited) every Sun-'day, during her life, and that a trental of maſſes be ſaid for his 'ſoule, and all chriſtian ſoules: likewiſe requires his wife, ſo to 'provide for her ſelf, and for him, in doing of good deeds of cha-'rity and alms, that their ſoules may for ever be pray'd for. He 'mentions Alice, his daughter, and Anthony Wellis, his wife's 'ſon, (ſo that ſhe was the widow of Wellis) and bequeaths all his 'goods and chattels, to Joan, his wife, Nicholas, and William 'Cheſter, his ſons and heirs, to be divided between them, his 'wife one half, and his ſons the other; which bequeſt to her, he 'makes the larger, on condition ſhe never will marry, as ſhe 'hath ſaid unto him; and conſtitutes her, ſole executrix.'

William Cheſter, ſon of John, and brother to Nicholas, (whoſe iſſue fail'd) was bred to his father's occupation, a draper, whereby he increas'd his patrimony very conſiderably, and living in great reputation, was elected one of the ſheriffs of London, in 2 Philip and Mary, (1544). He had been knighted before, and was a conſiderable benefactor to the city, in the reign of King Edward VI. For, following the charitable example of that virtuous prince, (who founded Chriſt's-hoſpital, and largely endow'd it) this

(a) Fetiplace, qu. 18.

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this Sir William Cheſter, Knt. and alderman *(a)*, and John Calthorp, citizen and draper, at their own proper coſts and charges, made the brick-walls, and way on the backſide, which leadeth from the ſaid hoſpital, to the hoſpital of St. Bartholomew; alſo cover'd and vaulted the town-ditch, from Alderſgate to Newgate, which before, was very noiſom and contagious to the ſaid hoſpital. He was (as I am inform'd) ſo great a favourer and encourager of the reformation, that in the times of perſecution, in Queen Mary's reign, he was taken notice of by thoſe zealots that were for fire and faggot, and one of his principal ſervants was burnt in Smithfield, for profeſſing the proteſtant religion; but by a prudent behaviour, he ſo manag'd as to weather the ſtorm; was lord-mayor of London, in 2 Eliz. (1560) and choſen one of the repreſentatives in parliament for that city, in 5 Eliz. *(b)* He afterwards became ſo ſtrictly religous, that for a conſiderable time before his death, he retir'd from all buſineſs, enter'd himſelf a fellow-commoner, in Cambridge, liv'd there ſome years, and made a great proficiency in the ſtudies of the univerſity, and was reputed a very learned man. At what time he died, I don't find, but he was buried, with his wives *(c)*, in the church of St. Edmund, Lombard-ſtreet; he having, in his life-time, erected a fair monument againſt the ſouth-ſide of the chancel, in the wall of that church. His firſt wife was, Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lovett, of Aſtwell, in com. Northamp. Gent. (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of John Boteler, of Woodhall, in com. Hertford. Eſq;) His ſecond wife was, Joan, daughter of John Turner, of London, widow of William Beſwick, alderman; but by her he had no children. By Elizabeth, his firſt wife, he had iſſue five ſons, and four daughters; 1. William; 2. Thomas, who was biſhop of Elphine, in Ireland, A. D. 1580, and married one of the daughters of Sir James Clavering, of Axwell, in com. Northumb. Knt. but died without iſſue, in June, 1584 *(d)*, at Killiathan, in that kingdom, having ſate as biſhop, about four years, being promoted thereto by Queen Elizabeth, in the year 1580. John, Daniel, and Francis, younger ſons of Sir William, all died without iſſue; and his daughters were, Frances, married to Francis Robinſon, of London; Jane, to Richard, brother of Sir Thomas Offley, Knt. Emma, to John Gardiner, and Suſan, to John Trott, both of London.

William Cheſter, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon of Sir William) married, in his father's life-time, Anne, daughter of John Fryer, of London, Gent. (by whom he had iſſue, William, who died an infant, and Elizabeth, wife of Thomas Heton, elder brother to Martin Heton, biſhop of Ely;) but ſhe dying, A. D. 1587, he took to his

(a) Stow's ſurvey, vol. I. b. 3. p. 132. *(b)* MS. penes B. Willis, Arm. *(c)* Stow's ſurvey, vol. I. b. 2. p. 197. *(d)* Wood's Athen. Oxon. vol. I. p. 708.

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ſecond wife, Judith, daughter and coheir of Anthony Cave, of Chichley, in com. Bucks, Eſq; a (a) manor, part of the poſſeſſions of the diſſolv'd priory of Tickford, and became part of the eſtate of cardinal Wolſey, in 18 Henry VIII. which prelate, falling into diſgrace, and the king ſeizing his great eſtate, it continued in the crown till the ſaid prince, in the laſt year of his reign, gave it to Anthony Cave, Eſq; and then, by marriage, it devolv'd to this William Cheſter, whoſe ſucceſſors have ever ſince made it their reſidence. He died, A. D. 1587, and was buried there, leaving (by Judith, aforeſaid, his ſecond wife) an only ſon,

Anthony Cheſter, Eſq; born in the year 1565, who was as zealous as his grandfather, in exerting himſelf againſt papal tyranny; for, putting himſelf in arms, he attended Queen Elizabeth, at Tilbury camp, and commanded a troop of horſe, to oppoſe the Spaniſh invaſion. In the forty-fourth year of that queen's reign, he was conſtituted ſheriff of the county of Buckingham, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by K. James I. in the ſeventeenth year of his reign. He was again ſheriff of the county, in 4 Car. I. and having married two wives, firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Boteler, of Woodhall, in com. Hertford. Knt. and ſiſter to John, baron Boteler, of Bramfield, (and ſhe dying, April the 5th, A. D. 1629, aged ſixty-three years;) ſecondly, (on the 5th of Septemb. 1631) Mary, daughter of John Ellis, of Kiddal, in com. Ebor. Eſq; and departing this life, was buried at Chichley, the 3d of Decemb. 1635.

In Chichley-church, is the following inſcription for this Sir Anthony (b):

Conſecrated
For the Memory of his much honour'd Father, Sir Anthony Cheſter, Knight Baronet, who died the ſecond of December, at the Age of threeſcore and ten, An° Dni 1635. Henry Cheſter, his third Sonne, hath erected this Monument to the memorie of poſterity, May, 1637.

His firſt lady hath this inſcription in the ſame church (c):

Dame Elizabeth Cheſter, died the 5 of April, 1629, at the Age of 63, by whoſe Vertue and Wiſdome, that Family is much advanced.

He had, by his ſecond wife, one ſon, Robert. baptized the firſt of April, 1633, who died at twelve years of age; and by his firſt wife, five ſons and five daughters; 1. Sir Anthony, his ſucceſſor;

(a) Ex relatione B. Willis, Arm. (b) Le Neve's Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 164.
(c) Ibid. p. 116.

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ceſſor; 2. William, baptiz'd 27 April, 1595, educated in the ſtudy of the law, at Grays-Inn, who married two wives, and left iſſue three daughters, his coheirs; 3. Sir Henry, baptiz'd May 11, 1598, of Tilſworth, in com. Bedford. who was ſheriff of that county, in 12 Car. I. and made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King Charles II. He married Judith, daughter of —— Bankworth, of Bow-lane, London, Gent. ſiſter to Dr. Bankworth, (by whom he had a ſon, Robert, that died when eighteen years old;) ſecondly, Mary, daughter of Thomas Wood, of Hackney, Eſq; ſiſter to both Sir Henry Wood, Knt. and to Thomas, biſhop of Litchfield and Coventry, (and relict of Samuel Cranmer, Eſq; alderman of London) but by her had no iſſue, whereupon, his eſtate devolv'd to Sir Anthony Cheſter, Bart. John, fourth ſon, baptiz'd 7 June, 1601, married Catherine, daughter of —— Aſhton, Gent. and died without iſſue. Robert, fifth ſon, baptiz'd Septemb. 1606, died unmarried, in the iſle of Rhee, being in the expedition there, under the duke of Buckingham.

Of the daughters, Mary, married Sir Robert Bell, of Beaupree-hall, in Norf. Knt. Elizabeth, baptiz'd 11 July, 1596, married five huſbands, gentlemen of good eſtates; Judith, Anne, and Dorothy, all died either young, or unmarried.

Sir Anthony Cheſter, Bart. (ſon and heir of Sir Anthony,) baptiz'd 23 March, A. D. 1593, was a gentleman of ſteady loyalty to King Charles I. At the breaking out of the rebellion, he ſerv'd him perſonally in his armies; and for contributing very largely to his majeſty's ſervice, had his eſtate ſequeſter'd, and his manſion at Chichley, ſo defac'd and ruin'd, that there was no inhabiting it. He behav'd himſelf with great bravery at the fatal battle of Naſeby, and other engagements, which forc'd him to flee for Holland, and reſide there, till a compoſition was made for his life and eſtate, with the uſurping powers. His lady, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Peyton, of Dodington, in com. Cantab. Knt. endur'd, with chriſtian patience, and ſingular courage, the calamities which adverſe fortunes, in thoſe deplorable times, had expos'd the family to. Sir Anthony, her huſband, was buried at Chichley, 15 Feb. 1651, and ſhe ſurviv'd him many years, dying in the eighty-ninth year of her age, the 3d of July, A. D. 1692; and a monument is erected at Chichley, to her memory. They had five ſons and ſeven daughters. Henry, his eldeſt, died before him, unmarried; 2. Sir Anthony, his ſucceſſor; 3. Peyton, who was of the bed-chamber to Henry, duke of Glouceſter, and a moſt accompliſh'd gentleman: he had his education at St. John's college, Cantab. after that went to his majeſty, at Bruſſels, where he liv'd ſome years, and return'd with the royal family, and died unmarried. 4. William, a merchant and trader

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to Barbadoes, who rais'd a very great fortune, and married Sarah, daughter of major Thomas Healmes, of that iſland, by whom he had four ſons, ſince dead, without iſſue; and two daughters, Dorothy, married to —— Butler, of Barbadoes, and Elizabeth, to —— Nanfan, of Worceſterſhire, Eſqrs. John, fifth ſon, died unmarried.

Of the daughters, Alice, became the wife of John Millicent, of Bergham, in com. Cantab. Eſq; Dorothy, to colonel John Fiſher, of Wiſbich, and Frances, to Samuel Wiſeman, of Barbadoes, Gent. Diana, died unmarried; Elizabeth, was wife of William Ryley, Eſq; barriſter at law, and keeper of the records in the tower of London; Penelope, died an infant, and the youngeſt, Ruperta, was married to Edward Coney, of South-Luffenham, in com. Rutland, Eſq; ſon of Sir Sutton Coney, of Baſinthorp, in com. Linc. Knt.

Sir Anthony Cheſter, Bart. third of that name and title, married (May 21, 1657) Mary, daughter of Samuel Cranmer, Eſq; alderman of London, (ſiſter to Sir Cæſar Cranmer, of Aſhwood, in Bucks, Knt.) and departed this life the 15th of February, 169$\frac{7}{8}$, in the ſixty-fifth year of his age, as an inſcription on a marble tablet, againſt the wall, in the chancel of Chichley, informs, which likewiſe imports, 'That he was an honour to his family, 'and not more excellent by deſcent, than by vertue. That there 'was ſeldom to be found, one, who ſo faithfully diſcharg'd all 'offices of a pious man, ſubject, huſband, father, or friend. He 'lov'd the good, and cheriſh'd the learned: he entertain'd all, 'freely and hoſpitably; follow'd virtue, and excell'd in that part, 'which makes mankind honour'd; triumphing in piety, inno-'cency, conſtancy, and faith.' His lady was likewiſe not leſs diſtinguiſh'd in the ſeveral vertues that adorn a private life; ſhe ſurviv'd her huſband, and dying the 12th of May, 1710, had ſepulture with him.

They had iſſue, 1. Anthony, baptiz'd 1663, who died unmarried, 10 May, 1685; 2. Sir John, his ſucceſſor; 3. Henry, baptiz'd 29 Septemb. 1688, of Hadon, in com. Northampt. married to Theodocia, daughter and heir of Thomas Towers, of Wilbarton, in com. Cantab. Eſq; by whom he left a ſon, Anthony; 4. William, who died unmarried; 5. Thomas, born 12 March, 1674, married to Elizabeth, daughter of Daniel Wingfield, of London, merchant, (who had one ſon, John, and two daughters; Mary, married to —— Horton, of Yorkſhire, Eſq; and Anne;) 6. Cæſar, unmarried; and 7. Robert, who took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Mr. Henry Allen, a merchant, in London, and died without iſſue.

Sir Anthony's daughters were, Mary, wife of Francis Duncomb, of Broughton, in com. Bucks, Eſq; Elizabeth, twin with Mary,

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Mary, wife of Charles Nicholas Eyre, Esq; one of the gentlemen of the privy-chamber, and cup-bearer to Queen Mary, (by whom he had only one son, Charles-Chester Eyre, Esq;) Henrietta, who died young; Diana, married to the reverend Mr. Remington, rector of Hunnanby, in com. Ebor. Catherine, wife of Sir Henry Cambell, of Clay-hall, in Essex, Bart. Judith, of Robert Oneby, of the Inner-Temple, barrister at law, and of Barwel, in com. Leicest. Esq; Dorothy, of John Wilson, of Thorp, in the parish of Loughborough, in the aforesaid county, Esq; Alice, who died unmarried; and Penelope, wedded to the reverend Mr. Thomas Allen, late rector of Loughborough, aforesaid.

Sir John Chester, Bart. successor to the title and estate, (born in the year 1666,) very much beautified and repaired the church, at Chichley, having wholly rebuilt the chancel, and pav'd it with marble; likewise built a vault for the future interment of his family. He married, 1. Anne, eldest daughter and coheir of William Wollaston, of Shenton, in the county of Leicest. Esq; and she dying in childbed, the 3d of Octob. 1704, he married, secondly, (in April, 1714,) Frances, widow of Sir Charles Skrimshire, of Norbury-manor, in Staffordshire, Knt. and only child of Sir William Noel, of Kirkby, in com. Leicest. Bart. (by his second wife, Frances, daughter of Humble, lord Ward,) by whom he had no issue; but his former lady brought him five sons, and six daughters; whereof, Anthony, died an infant; Sir William, his successor, born the 5th of Septemb. 1687; 3. Thomas, born 31 March, 1689, waited on the earl of Pembroke, into Ireland, when lord-lieutenant of that kingdom, under whose protection and patronage, he became lieutenant-colonel to the regiment of colonel Jones, and was unhappily cast away near the coasts of Ireland, going for Spain; 4. Sir John, successor to his brother; 5. Francis, who married Bethia, daughter and coheir of Thomas Wood, of Kensington, in Middlesex, Esq; and one of the coheirs to Sir Henry Wood, Knt. one of the clerks of the board of green-cloth, to King Charles II. and hath issue, Francis.

Of the daughters of Sir John, Mary, and Rebecca, are deceased; Catherine, wedded (A. D. 1718,) John Toller, of Billingborough, in com. Linc. Esq; serjeant at law, (deceased, by whom she had issue;) Elizabeth, is unmarried; Anne, married to Mr. Snead, of Buckinghamshire, and Penelope, married Richard Smith, of Padbury, in Bucks, Esq;

Sir William Chester, Bart. succeeded his father, Sir John, in dignity and estate, Feb. 1725-6, and died in March following, leaving issue, by Penelope, daughter of George Hewett, of Stretton, in Leicestershire, Esq; six daughters, but no heir male, whereupon the title, and chief part of the estate, devolv'd upon his next surviving brother,

Sir

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Sir John Cheſter, the preſent baronet, who was of Chriſt's college, in Cambridge, is one of the knights of the ſhire in the preſent parliament, for the county of Bedford, and married, 1718, Frances, daughter of Sir Edward Bagot, of Blithfield, in Staffordſhire, Bart. by whom he hath two ſons, Charles-Bagot, and Anthony; and one daughter, Frances.

ARMS: Parted per pale, Argent and Sable, a Cheveron ingrail'd, between three Rams Heads, eras'd, (attir'd, Or,) all counterchang'd; formerly within a Bordure ingrail'd, entoyre of eight Roundles, counterchang'd, but of late omitted.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Ram's Head, coup'd, Argent, attired, Or.

SEAT: At *Chichley*, near *Newport-Pagnell*, *Bucks*.

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43. BERNEY, of Parkhall, in Reedham, Norfolk.

(RICHARD, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, May 5, 1620.

THIS ancient family, were denominated from the town of Berney, near Walſingham, in this county; where they were ſeated at the time of the conqueſt, and have ever ſince been of conſiderable note.

The firſt we find mentioned was, Roger de Berney, lord of Berney, father of Sir Henry de Berney, Knt. (*a*) whoſe ſon, Richard de Berney, by Catherine, daughter of Roger Gyney, Eſq; had iſſue, Henry de Berney, who lived anno 1268, and was father of John de Berney, who reſided chiefly in the city of Norwich, at his capital meſſuage, called Berney's-Inn, (which was ſold by his ſon, Sir Robert Berney, Knt.) But the Reedham family had, at that time, or ſoon after, a meſſuage in the ſaid city, which ſtill belongs to them, called Berney's-Inn. This John de Berney, married Joan, daughter of Bartholomew de Witchingham, Eſq; by whom came the eſtate at Witchingham (*b*). He left iſſue by her, John de Berney, who reſided at Witchingham; he was one of the citizens for Norwich, in the parliament held at York, 9 Edw. III. alſo he, with Robert Clare, Eſq; were the King's commiſſioners, before whom, an inqueſt upon a writ of *ad quod damnum*, concerning the fee of the caſtle of Norwich, was taken, 19 Edw. III. The year following, he was elected one of the knights in parliament for the ſaid county, as he was again, 22 Edw. III. together with Robert Clare, Eſq; and were allowed 14l. 10s. for thirty-four days attendance. He alſo ſerv'd in parliament,

(*a*) Ex ſtem. penes Gul. Berney, de Norſtead, Arm. (*b*) Ibid.

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liament, 31 Edw. III. and for attending thirty-two days, had 6l. 8s. allow'd for his expences. He left iſſue two ſons; 1. Robert, who was a knight-batchelor, and ſteward to the lord Morley, marſhal of Ireland. He was high ſheriff of Norfolk and Suffolk, 7 and 11 Henry IV. and died 1410, and from whom the Witchingham line, (and Gunton, now extinct) are deſcended.

2. Thomas de Berney, (ſecond ſon of Witchingham,) who was afterwards knighted, married Margaret, daughter and heir of William de Reedham, Eſq; of a very ancient family, ſeated at Reedham, at the time of the conqueror's ſurvey. *(a)* With her he had the manor of Reedham, and ſeveral other eſtates and lordſhips. He left iſſue, John Berney, his ſon and heir, who married Iſabel, daughter and heir of Sir John Heveningham, Knt. and died, anno 1440, leaving iſſue three ſons; 1. Thomas; 2. Robert, of Barrow, Knt. and 3. John, who died iſſueleſs, 1461. For then his will was prov'd, which bears date the monday next, after St. Petronil, the virgin, A. D. 1460, (38 Hen. VI.) and writing himſelf ſon of John Berney, of Reedham, Eſq; *(b)* 'Wills 'his body to be buried in the porch of the north part of the church 'of Reedham; and bequeaths, for finding lights before the bleſ-'ſed virgin Mary, St. Peter, and St. Nicholas, the biſhop, 3s. 4d. 'each. Alſo to the brotherhood of St. John Baptiſt, of the town 'of Reedham, 6s. 8d. And to the brotherhood of St. Thomas, 'of the ſaid town, 6s. 8d. Likewiſe, one great cypreſs cheſt, 'for the ſafe keeping the ornaments of the ſaid church. He ſet-'tles on John Berney, his nephew, (ſon of Thomas Berney, his 'brother) his manor of Caſton; as alſo the manor of Shipdon, 'and the manor of Turteviles, in Wichingham Parva; order-'ing the ſaid John, and his executors, to maintain one chap-'lain, after his deceaſe, to pray for his ſoul, and the ſouls of 'John Berney, his father, and Iſabel, his mother, in the church 'of Reedham, for four years, with a competent ſalary.'

Thomas, the eldeſt ſon, by Eva, daughter of John Clipſby, of Clipſby, Eſq; left iſſue, John, whoſe ſon John, died, 1557, leaving iſſue, by Margaret, daughter of William Read, of Beecles, in Suffolk, four daughters, Thomaſine, married to Thomas Oſborne, of Kirby Bedon, Eſq; —— married to —— Sydnor, of Blunſton; Mary, married to Robert Jenny, of Heringfleete, and the youngeſt married to —— Cuddon, of Shadingfeld, all in Suffolk; alſo one ſon, Henry Berney, Eſq; who removed, temp. Philip and Mary, the old ſeat of the family, which ſtood near Reedham-church, into the park in Reedham, where he built a magnificent houſe, (yet ſtanding) and made very large gardens to it, anno

(a) Barries manor, in Rockland-Toſts, in Norfolk, went, with the Reedham eſtate, to the Berneys, John Berney, being poſſeſſed, in 1355, of this, and part of Kirkehall, Blomfeild's Norfolk, vol. I. p. 326. *(b)* Ex regiſt. de Stockton, qu. 24.

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anno 1577, calling it Parkhall, in Reedham. He died, anno 1584, and lies buried among his anceſtors, in Reedham church, having had, by Alice his wife, daughter of Roger Appleton, of Dartford, in Kent. Eſq; (and Agnes, his wife, daughter of Walter Clark, of Hadley, in Suffolk, Eſq; and heir to her brother, Edward,) a numerous iſſue.

This Henry, and Alice, his wife, lie buried in Reedham church, amongſt many of his anceſtors: ſhe ſurviving him ſome years, erected in her life-time, a very handſome marble tomb, with both their effigies upon it, as alſo the ſons behind him, and the daughters behind her, with this inſcription:

Hunc Tumulum Conjux poſuit dilecta Marito,
Quemq; Viro poſuit, deſtinat ipſa ſibi.

Sir Thomas Berney, Knt. (the eldeſt ſon) was high ſheriff of Norfolk, 7 Jac. I. and died, anno 1616, leaving iſſue, by Juliana, daughter of Sir Thomas Gaudy, of Redenhall, in Norfolk, Knt. one of the juſtices of the common-pleas, 1591, four ſons; 1. William, who married a daughter of the lord chief-juſtice Coke; 2. John, but neither left any iſſue; 3. Richard; and 4. Thomas, ſheriff of Norfolk, 22 Car. I. (anceſtor to the Berneys, of Swardeſton.)

Richard, the third ſon and heir, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 18 Jac. I. he was high ſheriff of Norfolk, 20 Jac. I. and died, 1668. By Anne, daughter of Michael Smallpage, of Chicheſter, in Suſſex, Eſq; he had iſſue, 1. Sir Thomas; 2. Richard Berney, of Reedham, Eſq; (to whom he left about 7000l. per ann. having, on ſome pique, diſinherited Thomas, his eldeſt ſon, to whom he gave but a ſlender fortune, though ſince well improved. This Richard, was high ſheriff of Norfolk, 14 Charles II. and married the daughter of Sir Jacob Garrard, of Langford, Bart. and had iſſue, Rich. Berney, Eſq; high ſheriff, 4 William III. who died iſſueleſs, having ſold the family ſeat, and ſpent very near his whole eſtate; which may be obſerved as an inſtance of the fatal effects conſequent upon diſinheriting the eldeſt ſon, contrary to the law of nature, and nations.) The third ſon was, John Berney, of Weſtwick, Eſq; who married Suſan, daughter of John Staines, Gent. and left iſſue two ſons, John, and Richard. John Berney, of Weſtwick, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, married, firſt, Bridget, daughter of William Branthwait, of Hethill, Eſq; and had two daughters, Julian, married to Thomas Brograve, of Hertfordſhire, Eſq; and Elizabeth. To his ſecond wife, he married Elizabeth, daughter of Maurice Kendall, of Northwalſham, Eſq; and left no iſſue. Richard Berney, Eſq; ſecond ſon, (late recorder of Norwich, for which city he was returned member, in the two laſt parliaments of Q. Anne,) married

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ried Mary, daughter of Auguſtin Briggs, of the ſame city, Eſq; and left iſſue one daughter, Elizabeth, married to Thomas Brampſton, of Screens, in Eſſex, Eſq; one of the knights of the ſhire for that county.

Sir Thomas Berney, of Norwich, Bart. (eldeſt ſon of Sir Richard,) by Sarah, his wife, daughter of captain Thomas Tyrrel, of Eſſex, (governor of Landguard fort, temp. Car. II.) had many children, of which, John Berney, of Weſenham, Eſq; the third ſon, (married Phillippa, daughter of Thomas Browne, of Elſing, Eſq; and left iſſue, Thomas Berney, of Lynn Regis, Eſq; who married Julian, one of the daughters of Sir Richard Berney, Bart. and hath iſſue two ſons, Thomas, and Richard.) The reverend Mr. William Berney, fourth ſon, (of Sir Thomas,) is of Worſtead, and rector of Weſtwick, (who, by Mary, daughter of Henry Harcock, Gent. hath one ſon, the reverend Mr. William Berney, rector of Newton-Flotman, in com. Norfolk, who married Dorothy, alſo one of the daughters of Sir Richard Berney, Bart. by whom he hath iſſue.)

Sir Richard Berney, of Kirby-Bedon, Bart. (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Thomas,) married Dorothy, daughter of William Branthwait, of Hethill, Eſq; and had iſſue ſix ſons, and five daughters, viz. Sir Richard, Julian, (married to Thomas Berney, of Lynn-Regis, Eſq; beforementioned,) Sir Thomas, William, Robert, Dorothy, (married to the reverend Mr. Berney, rector of Newton-Flotman in Norfolk,) Henry, John, Frances, Sarah, and Elizabeth.

Sir Richard Berney, of Kirby-Bedon, Bart. eldeſt ſon and heir, ſucceeded his father; and dying iſſueleſs, he was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by,

Sir Thomas Berney, his brother, the preſent baronet, (the eighteenth heir male in a lineal deſcent from Roger, lord of Berney,) who married Elizabeth, daughter of Simon Folkes, of Suffolk, Eſq; and Elizabeth Hanſon, his wife; and by her means, deſcended a good eſtate, in Barbadoes, which Sir Thomas, now enjoys. He hath had iſſue five children, whereof two only are now living, viz. Hanſon, and Richard.

ARMS: Parted per pale, Gules and Azure. A Croſs engrailed, Ermine.

CREST: Out of a ducal Coronet, a Plume of Oſtriches Feathers, Argent, Azure, and Gules.

MOTTO: *Nil timere, neque timore.*

SEAT: At *Kirby-Bedon*, in *Norfolk*.

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44. PAKINGTON, of Ailſbury, Buckinghamſhire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, June 22, 1620.

THAT the family of this name is of great antiquity, is evident from unqueſtionable records; neither is it to be doubted but they were ſo called, from the place of their abode, from one of the Pakingtons, of Staffordſhire, Warwickſhire, or Leiceſterſhire; for in each of thoſe counties we meet with lordſhips of that name, whoſe owners anciently wrote themſelves, de Pakington: and that the family flouriſh'd in the reign of King Henry I. ſon of William the conqueror, is manifeſt from the foundation of the monaſtery of Kenelworth, (ſee Dr. Hickes's prefatory epiſtle to his Saxon grammar,) and a learned antiquary has obſerv'd, that,

Pagington *(a)*, (now Pakington) in Staffordſhire, within two miles of Tame, was held of the biſhop, by Vtechel, in the twentieth year of William the conqueror; in Henry IIId's time *(b)*, by Robert de Pakington; and in the twenty-fourth of Edw. I. David de Pakington, held it of the biſhop, by the fourth part of a knight's fee.

Richard de Pakington *(c)*, married one of the ſiſters and coheirs of Robert de Kaily, lord of Freſeley, in Warwickſhire, who lived in King Henry IId's time; and there are now in the poſſeſſion *(d)* of Sir Herbert-Perrot Pakington, Bart. two ancient deeds, without date; one, of Robert Wittington, clerk, ſign'd and ſeal'd in the preſence of Peter Wyke, Hugh Pakington, and Alexander Abbetot, Knts. the other atteſted by Richard Spechell, and Hugh Pakington, Knts. the lateſt of which deeds is judged to be at leaſt above 400 years old.

Thomas de Pakington *(e)*, was prior of Burton-abby, in com. Staff. and preſided in the ſame, thirty-ſix years. He died 33 Ed. I. A.D. 1305, and was buried there.

Another Thomas de Pakington *(f)*, named of Brailsford, founded a chantery in the chapel of Chelmſcote, A.D. 1322. He like-

(a) Erdeſwick's ſurvey of Staffordſhire, MS. *(b)* In Mr. Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 131, is this entry; Robtus de Pakenton tenuit quartam partem feodi unius militis in Pakington, in com. Staff. de Rico epo Covent. tempore Hen. II. vid. certif. epiſc. p. in libro rub. ſcacij, tit. Staff.— alſo this; Willus de Bakinton (cum B. ſcript.) tenuit 4 feod. milit. de Hugone de Laſcy, in com. Heref. temp. Hen. II. Vide lib. rub. ſcacij ſub tit. Heref. *(c)* Sir William Dugdale's Warwickſhire, v. l. II. p. 1118. edit. 1730. *(d)* Vide Præfat. Dr. Hickes, ad Grammat. Anglo Saxon. *(e)* Monaſt. Angl. vol. I. p. 273. *(f)* Ibid. p. 428.

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likewiſe founded another chantry, (22 Edw. II.) and endowed it with lands for the maintenance of four prieſts, within the pariſh of Brayles, to celebrate divine ſervice for his lord, the earl of Warwick, his counteſs, children, and anceſtors, as alſo for himſelf, the ſaid Thomas, all his anceſtors and kinsfolk.

Henry Abbot, of Lilleſhull *(a)*, grants lands to Roger de Pakington, and Agnes, his wife, in Blackfordby, 13 Edw. III.

William de Pakington *(b)* was a perſon of great note, temp. Edw. III. being ſecretary and treaſurer to Edward, the Black Prince, in Gaſcoigne, and wrote a chronicle in French, from the ninth year of King John, to 1380, his own time *(c)*. Some extracts from this chronicle, have been printed at Oxford, in Mr. Leland's Collectanea, tom. 1. part 2. p. 455. This William, had a grant, for life *(d)*, from King Richard II. in the firſt year of his reign, for governor of the hoſpital of St. Lennard's, at Derby.

Robert Pakington, (the certain anceſtor of the preſent Sir Herbert-Perrot Pakington, Bart.) liv'd in the reign of King Henry IV. and was father to John Pakington, Eſq; recited in an office found before Robert Ruſſel, eſcheator *(e)* of the county of Worceſter, 14 Hen. VI. He had iſſue a ſon of his own name, John Pakington, Eſq; who, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir to Thomas Waſhbourne, of Stanford, in com. Wigorn. Eſq; had iſſue three ſons, John, Robert, (anceſtor to the branch we are to treat on,) and Humphrey.

John, the eldeſt, being brought up to the law, in the ſociety of the Inner-temple, was, in the twenty-fourth of Henry VII. conſtituted chirographer of *(f)* the court of common-pleas, during life, with power to act, by ſufficient deputies; and, being learned in the laws, was in 11 Henry VIII. elected lent-reader, alſo *(g)*, in the twentieth of the ſame reign, treaſurer of the ſociety of the Inner-temple; in which year, he had this memorable grant from the king, 'That he, the ſaid John Pakington *(h)*, for the time 'to come, ſhall have full liberty, during his life, to wear his hat 'in his preſence, and his ſucceſſors, or of any other perſons 'whatſoever, and not be uncovered on any occaſion or cauſe 'whatſoever, againſt his will and good likeing: alſo that he ſhall 'not be appointed, called, or compelled, to take the order of 'knighthood, or degree, ſtate, or order, of a baron of the exche-'quer, ſerjeant at law, or any office or incumbrance thereto re-'lating. And farther, out of his abundant grace, grants, that 'if

(a) Collections from Sir John Leviſon's evidences, by Mr. Francis Thynne, penes Joh. Anſtis, Arm. Gart Reg. Arm. (b) J. Pitt de Script. Angl. Fuller's Worthies, p. 174. Bp. Nicholſon's Hiſtor. Lib. P. 1. p. 66, 67. (c) Vide MS. Nero. c. 3. p 194. in Bib. Cotton. (d) Patt. 1. R. II. p. 1. (e) Abington's Antiq. of Worceſterſhire, MS. (f) Pat. 24. H. VII. P. 1. M. 2. (g) Sir William Dugdale's Orig. Jurid. (h) Patent, 28 H. VIII. part 2. in the chapel of the rolls.

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'if he be choſen to any offices, incumbrances, or honours afore-'ſaid, and thoſe ſhall refuſe to take, that he ſhall neither incur, 'forfeit, or loſe, for ſuch contempt, any loſs, pain, forfeiture, or 'other iſſues, fines, amercements, or redemptions whatſoever, 'on occaſion of omiſſion, refuſal of taking, or non-omiſſion; 'likewiſe that this charter of exemption, ſole produc'd before any 'of the juſtices, treaſurer, or barons of the exchequer of the king, 'or his ſucceſſors, or in any place, or court of record throughout 'the whole kingdom, ſhall be ſufficient, without any other writ, 'precept, mandate, or any other proclamation made. Whereof 'all juſtices, judges, barons of the exchequer, ſheriffs, eſcheators, 'coroners, mayors, provoſts, bailiffs, and all other officers, and 'miniſters; and his leige and faithful people are commanded to 'take notice, and not to diſturb, moleſt, or grieve the ſaid John 'Pakington, againſt the tenour of this grant, or effect of theſe 'preſents; any ſtatute, act, ordinance, or proviſo, made or pub-'liſhed to the contrary, or any other cauſe or matter whatſoever. 'Signed by the king himſelf, at Weſtminſter, the 5th of April, 'the year aforeſaid.' In 23 Henry VIII. he was called to be ſerjeant at law *(a)*, for which the king gives him (the 6th of June *(b)*, the ſame year) a ſpecial diſcharge for taking the ſaid degree; and having been appointed a juſtice of North-Wales, was, in 26 Henry VIII. *(c)* commiſſion'd to conclude and compound all forfeitures, offences, fines, and ſums of money, owing to the king, or his father Henry VII. by any perſons bound by recogniſance for their good behaviour or peace. In 29 Hen. VIII. he had a new grant *(d)* of the office of chirographer of the court of common-pleas, and put in the life of Richard Higham, with his own; alſo in 33 Henry VIII. had a patent for juſtice *(e)* of Brecknock, Glamorgan, and Radnor, in South-Wales, during life: having a grant of all the manors belonging *(f)* to the monaſtery of Weſtwood, in com. Wigorn. he, for the uſe of his wife, ſettled them on George Rolle *(g)*, in 34 Hen. VIII. And when his majeſty, in the thirty-ſixth year of his reign, was in France, obtain'd the favour from Catherine *(h)*, the queen, general governeſs of the kingdom, to ſtay at home, tho', (as the words of the patent import) he was oblig'd in duty to attend the king, againſt his common enemy, the French king: and immediately after his majeſty's return from Bulloign *(i)*, he had the honour of knighthood conferr'd on him. He had likewiſe the office of recorder of the city of Worceſter; and at the time of his death, anno 2 Eliz. was ſeiz'd of thirty-one manors, and of other lands

(a) Orig. Jurid. præd. *(b)* Privat. ſigill. 23 H. VIII. *(c)* Ibid. 12 June, 26 H. VIII. *(d)* Pat. 29 H. VIII. p. 4. *(e)* Pat. 33 H. VIII. p. 5. *(f)* Dr. Hickes's Præfat. ad Grammat. Anglo-Saxon. *(g)* Pat. 34 H. VIII. p. 5. *(h)* Pat. 36 H. 8. p. 8. *(i)* Nom. Equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius, C. 3.

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lands that he had purchaſed of ſeventy ſeveral perſons, as appears from a large book concerning his eſtate, now among the evidences of the family, at Weſtwood. The antiquary, Leland, takes *(a)* notice, that he reſided at a very goodly new houſe of brick, called Hampton-court, ſix miles from Worceſter, ſomewhat northward; which lordſhip *(b)*, was purchaſed of the lord Mountjoy. By his laſt teſtament, bearing date the 16th of Auguſt, 1551, he beſtows ſeveral charities on the poor of the ſeveral pariſhes wherein he had lands, and beſides other bequeſts to his children, his couſins Baſkervile, and Lambert, &c. he gives to 100 virgins, 13s. 4d. for their marriage portions, and deſires his body may be buried in the church of Hampton-Lovet; which was comply'd with, as appears by a monument erected there to his memory, tho' time has worn out the inſcription.

His lady was, Anne, widow of —— Tychbourne *(c)*, and of the family of Rolle, who, by her laſt will, (1563) 'bequeaths her body '*(d)* to be buried in the pariſh-church where ſhe ſhall end her 'life, and that her executors cauſe a tomb of marble to be ſet 'over her, to the value of 20 marks, or more: orders black 'gowns of cloth, or good frieze, to forty poor men and women; 'alſo to poor maidens of that pariſh ſhe is buried in, for their 'marriage, 20l. and 12d, to every poor houſholder; and to all 'other people coming to her burial, 2d. each. Wills that her 'executors purchaſe lands and tenements, to the yearly value of '4l. that 20d. may for ever be given, every Sunday, to five 'poor folks in that pariſh ſhe is bury'd in. She leaves legacies to 'John Rolle, Chriſtian Courtenay, and other children of her 'brother Rolle; and to her ſon, Nicholas Tychbourne, and his 'children, the moſt of her eſtate, plate, and jewels, &c.'

She left the company of cloth-workers (by will, 24 November, 1559,) lands and tenements in Iſlington, of the yearly value, above all charges, of 16l. 16s. 9d. (now raiſed to 200l. per ann.) to diſtribute annually, 3l. 13s. 4d. to the poor of the pariſh of St. Dunſtan's in the weſt, London, wherein ſhe was born; and 6s. 8d. for a ſermon; and to the poor of the pariſh ſhe ſhould be buried in, 8l. annually; whereof 3l. for finding poor men's children to ſchool and learning, and the other 5l. to the poor, and the reſt to the company for their pains, except 6s. 8d. for an annual ſermon, on the day of her burial. And dying the 22d of Auguſt,

(a) Leland's Coll. vol. VII. p. 17. *(b)* Abington's antiq. Worceſterſhire, MS. *(c)* In a MS. penes T. W. it ſays, Sir John Pakington, Knt. married Anne, daughter of Henry Dacres, late ſheriff of London, and widow of Robert Fairthwayte, of London, merchant-taylor, and that ſhe was buried at St. Buttolph's, 22 Aug. 1563, but does not mention her as widow of Tychbourne, (tho' ſhe might be ſo too) or ſay, whether firſt or ſecond wife to Sir John; but it don't appear that he had any more than one wife. *(d)* Regiſt. vocat. Stevenſon, in curia prerog. Cant.

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Auguſt, 1563, was buried in the eaſt end of the chancel of St. Buttolph's, Alderſgate-ſtreet, London, with this inſcription *(a)*:

> Here under this Tomb, lieth the Body of Dame Anne Pakington, Widdow, late Wife of Sir John Pakington, Knt. late Chirographer in the Court of Common-Pleas; which Dame Anne, deceaſed the 22d Day of Auguſt, in the Year of our Lord God, 1563.

The great eſtate this Sir John Pakington left, was divided between his daughters, and his two younger brothers, Robert, and Humphrey. Urſula, his eldeſt daughter, married Sir John Scudamore, Knt. of whom deſcended the late lord viſcount Scudamore, whoſe daughter and ſole heir, is the preſent dutcheſs of Beaufort; and Bridget, married Sir John Lyttelton, of Frankley, in com. Wigorn. Knt. anceſtor to the preſent Sir Thomas Lyttelton, Bart.

Humphry Pakington, youngeſt brother of Sir John, was a merchant of London; and left an only ſon, John, who was of Harvington, in Worceſterſhire; which line expir'd in two daughters, great heireſſes; one of them married Sir John Yate, Bart. the other, Sir Henry Audley, Knt.

Mr. Abington, in his MS. of Worceſterſhire, in Hampton-Lovet, mentions, 'That Sir John Pakington, Knt. purchaſed 'Hampton-Lovet of the lord Montjoye, and lyes intombed in 'that church. Nowe, (ſays he) that I maye courſe the name and 'familly of Pakington, I muſt compare it to the riſinge ſun, 'whych incountred with cloudes, ſometimes breakethe out, and 'is ſometimes obſcured, tyll overcominge hys adverſary, he ſhy-'nethe bryghtly, for in the raigne of King Henry the firſte, I 'have reade of the name, in the foundation of Kenilworth priory, 'but many yeeres after, the name of Pakington, is more properly 'mentioned, in Chelmiſcote, Pakington's lordſhip, in Brayle, 'co. War. for dedicating a chantrye theare, an. Do. 1322, 'wheare you maye reade of Sir Thomas Pakington, in the re-'giſtry of the priory of Worceſter. And to come home, the fa-'mily of Pakington (as far as I can yet ſee) appeared fyrſt with us, 'by marryinge a daughter of the ancient knyghtly houſe of 'Waſhborn, towards the later end of the raygne of Edward the 'thyrd, or beginninge of Richard the ſecond; (ſee Stanford Eſ-'turmy.) After thys, John Pakington, is recyted heere, in an 'office found before Robert Ruſſel, eſcheator of thys ſhyre, 14 'Hen. VI. and then laid private till Sir John Pakington, Knt. 'aforenamed, the ſon of John Pakington, and Margaret Bulvinch, 'a familly reſydinge anciently, at the Berrowe, in the pariſhe of 'Aſtley,

(a) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. b. 3. p. 114.

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'Aſtley, and moſt anciently knowne in Wych, purchaſed by hys 'learninge in the common lawes favor with King Henry the 'eyght, and grewe to ſuche an heygthe as from hys houſe are 'now deſcended, one viſcount, and towe baronets. The fyrſt, 'Sir John Scudamore, of Home-Lacy, co. Heref. viſcount Slego, 'heyre, in the fourthe degree, to Urſula, daughter and coheyre 'of thys Sir John Pakington; the ſecond, Sir Thomas Lytelton, 'of Frankeley, com. Wigorn. baronet, heyre, in the ſame degree, 'to Briget, daughter and coheyre of the ſame knyght; the thyrd, 'Sir John Pakington, of Hampton-Lovet, baronet, heyre, in 'the ſame fourthe degree, to Robert Pakington, thyrd brother 'of that greate Sir John Pakington, whych knyght, beſides fayre 'lands, and large portions, diſtributed between hys towe daugh-'ters and coheyrs, leaſt Hampton-Lovet, with other revenues, 'to Sir Thomas Pakington, knyght, ſon and heyre of this Robert 'Pakington, and father of Sir John Pakington, who flouriſhed 'once in Queen Elizabeth's court. Neyther yet dyd owld Sir 'John Pakington, neglect hys ſecond brother, Humfrey Paking-'ton, but allſo beſtowed bountifully on hym, who ſeated hym-'ſelfe in Chadeſley-Corbet, wheare hys ſonne, not ambitious of 'tytells, but of virtewes, ſecurely lived, and bleſſedly dyed.'

Robert Pakington, the next brother of Sir John, beforemen-tioned, was one of the members of parliament for the city of Lon-don, temp. Hen. VIII. and barbarouſly murdered in the ſtreet, 1537, as he was going to church, for he then oppoſed the papiſts, and *(a)* was ſhot by them, and by his laſt will and teſtament *(b)*, bearing date the 25th of Novemb. 1535, (the probat whereof, is on the 24th of April, 1537,) it appears, that he forſook the ſu-perſtitious errors of the church of Rome, in thoſe times, when many ſuffered on account of their religion; for in the preamble, are theſe remarkable expreſſions: *Firſt, he bequeaths his ſoul to Almighty God that created it, truſting to him only, by the merits of Jeſus Chriſt, for the ſalvation of his ſoul, and his body to be buried where it ſhall pleaſe God.* 'He ordains his well-beloved brother, 'Humphry Pakington, and his well-beloved wife, Catherine, 'executors; and his brother, John Pakington, and his father-'in-law, Sir John Baldwin, overſeers; deſiring the former, to 'be a good uncle and father to his little children, and eſpecially 'to ſee them have their learning; and the latter, a good grand-'father, and to uſe them as his own. He bequeaths to his wife, 'the profits of all his lands, till the heir, or heirs of the ſame,

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Joh. Pakington, Barti.—Tho' Stow, vol. I. b. 3. p. 29, ſays, (probably by miſtake) Robert Pakenton, mercer, ſlain with a gun, as he was going to morrow maſs, from his houſe in Cheape, to St. Thomas of Acars, in the year 1536; the murderer was never diſcover'd, but by his own confeſſion, made when he came to the gal-lows, at Banbury, to be hang'd for felony. *(b)* E lib. vocat Dingley, qu. 4. in curia prerog. Cant.

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'come to full age or ages, and gives 10l. to the pariſh of Wynd, 'where his father did dwell; 10l. to the poor of the pariſh of 'Stamford, where he was born; twenty pounds to the marriages 'of poor maidens, at ten ſhillings apiece, and twenty pound to 'poor houſholders.' He had iſſue by the ſaid Catherine, one of the coheirs of Sir John Baldwin, Knt. lord chief-juſtice of the common-pleas, and —— his wife, daughter of William Dormer, of Wycombe, in Bucks, Eſq; (by this match came the manor of Ailſbury, in com. Bucks, with other conſiderable lands) an only ſon, Thomas, and three daughters, viz. Elizabeth, wife of John Lane, Eſq; and afterwards of Sir Richard Mallory, Knt. alderman of London; Anne, wife of Richard Cupper, of Glympton, in com. Oxon. Eſq; and Margaret, of Benedict Lee, of Burſton, in com. Bucks, and afterwards, of Thomas Scot, of the county of York, Eſqrs.

Thomas, ſon and heir to the ſaid Robert, was in ward to the lord privy-ſeal, in 37 Henry VIII. when Catherine, his mother, then twenty-three years of age, was found one of the coheirs to Sir John Baldwin, (who died the 22d of December, the ſame year) he received the honour of knighthood from Queen Mary *(a)*, and on the death of his uncle, Sir John, ſucceeded to a great eſtate. He was ſheriff of the county of Worceſter, in 3 Elizabeth, and dying the 2d of June, at Bath-place, in Holbourn *(b)*, anno 12 Eliz. 1571, was convey'd to Ailſbury, in great pomp, (the officers of the college of arms, attending his corps) and buried in the pariſh-church there. His lady, who ſurvived him, was daughter of Sir Thomas Kitſon, of Hengrave, in com. Suff. Knt. (and afterwards marrying Thomas Taſmagh, Eſq;) died *(c)* in the ſixty-fifth year of her age, A. D. 1575. The chief mourners at his funeral were, Sir John Pakington, his ſon and heir, Sir William Cordell, Sir John Spencer, Mr. Burlacy, and Mr. Cowper. This Sir Thomas *(d)*, had five ſons, of which, only John, the eldeſt, ſurviv'd his father; and three daughters; Mary, married to Sir Walter Long, of Draycot, in com. Wilts, Knt. Catherine, to John Davis, of the ſame county, Eſq; ſecondly, to Sir Jaſper Moor, and laſtly, to Sir —— Mompeſſon, of Teddington, in com. Wilts, Knts. and Margaret, to Thomas Litchfield, Eſq; gentleman of the privy-chamber to Queen Elizabeth.

This Sir John Pakington, who was bred at Chriſt-church, in Oxford, under the tuition of Dr. Lewis, dean of Glouceſter, became a great favourite of Queen Elizabeth's, and one of her privy-council *(e)*. She firſt took notice of him in her progreſs to Worceſter, when ſhe invited him to attend her court, where he liv'd, at

(a) Nom. Equit. præd. *(b)* Bibl. Hartley, 81. b. 24. fol. 179. *(c)* Inſcriptio tumuli in cancel. de Horridge, in com. Bucks. *(d)* Pedigrees, MS. l. 8, penes J. Anſtis, Arm. *(e)* Vita ejus MS. penes Dom. Joh. Pakington, Bar.

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at his own expence, in great splendor and reputation, with an equipage not inferior to some of her greatest officers, tho' he had no other honour besides that of knight of the Bath, which was conferr'd on him in the life-time of his father.

He was remarkable for his stature and comely personage, and, by his ability in all manly exercises, had distinguish'd himself to that degree, that he was generally call'd by the name of Lusty Pakington: of which, among many instances, it may not be amiss to mention this one; he enter'd into articles to swim against three noble courtiers, for 3000 l. from the bridge at Westminster, to the bridge at Greenwich; but the queen, by her special command, prevented the putting it in execution. I find him, likewise, among persons of the first quality, that, for the honour of the queen, tilted at Westminster *(a)*, at a solemn tournament, (her majesty present) on the anniversary of her accession to the crown, the 17th of November, in the twenty-fourth year of her reign.

It could not be otherwise imagin'd, but that by this expensive life, great debts must be contracted, which, in time, would bring him into difficulties. Of this he was so sensible, that he took a sudden and wise resolution of retiring into the country, and, as he said himself, *would feed on bread and verjuice, till he had made up his extravagancies.* The queen soon had notice of it, and therefore, taking into consideration these his ill circumstances, which the zeal for her service had brought him into, gave him a grant of a gentleman's estate, in Suffolk, of 8 or 900 l. per ann. besides goods and chattels, which had escheated to the crown: but Sir John, after he had been in the country to take possession, found too great a tenderness in his nature, (notwithstanding the bad condition of his affairs) to behold the miseries of that distressed family, without a due regard and compassion for them; and the melancholy spectacle of the sorrowful lady and her children, so effectually wrought upon him, that, with the greatest generosity, he repair'd immediately to court, and humbly beseech'd her majesty to excuse him from enriching himself by the calamities of that gentleman, who fell by a combination of his enemies, and would not leave the queen till he had obtain'd his request.

Soon after, he left the court, but before he parted from the town, he took care to satisfy all his creditors; and then, with great reputation and honour, he began his journey into the country, being handsomely attended with servants and tenants, to the number of sixty, well mounted and accoutred, who came purposely out of the country to pay him this complement, and waited at the court-gates, while he was taking leave of the queen.

After his settlement in the country, her majesty was not unmindful

(a) P. lib. MS. in Museo Ashmol. dorf. 845. p. 165.

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mindful of him, for ſhe, to repair his fortune, granted him, for ſixty (a) years (in the twenty-fifth year of her reign) for his faithful and acceptable ſervices heretofore done, (ſtiling him her truſty and well-beloved ſervant) ſeveral lordſhips, manors, and lands, that were come to the crown by forfeiture, &c. in Devonſhire, Glouceſterſhire, Leiceſterſhire, Lancaſter, and Cornwall, Somerſetſhire, Hertfordſhire, Yorkſhire, Surry, Cambridgſhire, Carmarthenſhire, Middleſex, London, Wiltſhire, Monmouthſhire, Eſſex, and Buckinghamſhire; the names of which lands and manors, with their former owners, are particularly mention'd in the patent: alſo, when the earl of Pembroke was (b) made lord-preſident of the marches of Wales, and lord-lieutenant of the adjacent counties, he was put in the ſame patent, lieutenant of Worceſterſhire, and upon the vacancy of the office of cuſtos rotulorum, that was likewiſe conferr'd upon him: ſhe alſo made him bow-bearer of Malverne-chace, one of the beſt in England, which he held till he had finiſhed his noble park at Hampton-Lovet, and then, that chace being at too great a diſtance from his dwelling, he obtain'd her majeſty's leave to diſpoſe of it.

He was in her favour even to the laſt of her days, as appears as well from other teſtimonies, as from a grant ſhe made him for eight years, (in the fortieth year of her reign (c), he paying into the exchequer, 40l. per ann.) That none ſhould import into the kingdom, or make any ſtarch, but by his leave, or his aſſigns; and if they did, they ſhould be puniſh'd with the utmoſt ſeverity, as contemners of her royal prerogative: which brought him in (without doubt) a very conſiderable revenue.

He was conſtantly the firſt nam'd in all commiſſions of importance, and was the principal director in the government of his county, none being thought more worthy of an intire confidence, by the queen and her council, than himſelf. And as he took all imaginable care to anſwer their expectation, by his diligence and fidelity, ſo he was not wanting to convince his country, that their intereſt was always at his heart.

By his affability and obliging behaviour, he acquir'd the good opinion of his equals and inferiors; and by his courage and reſolution, on all proper occaſions, he had render'd himſelf awful, even to thoſe who were above him: a memorable proof of which, he gave his country, when he executed the office of ſheriff; for the lord chief-baron Periam, having committed a gentleman at the aſſizes, Sir John, ſitting in his ſheriff's ſeat, call'd to him to ſtay, telling the judge, he would anſwer for his forth-coming; neither could he be diſſuaded, by all the menaces he received from the bench, from adhering to this reſolution, boldly alledging, in his

(a) Pat. 25 Eliz. p. 5. (b) Vita ejus MS. præd. (c) Pat. 40 Eliz. p. 16.

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his defence, that the gentleman was his prisoner, and he, as sheriff, was accountable for him. This brave reply, very much increas'd the esteem his country had for him, and gain'd a general applause throughout the kingdom.

His prudence and conduct did not only extricate him out of those difficulties, in which his court-life had involv'd him, but, in a short time, put so much money into his pocket, that he was enabled to become what he intended to be, a great builder.

He bought at one time, so much timber of the earl of Leicester, out of the forest of Wire, (which borders upon Worcestershire and Shropshire) that the very marking them, at 4d. per tree, one with another, amounted to 48l. This, Mr. Tomkins, prebendary of Worcester, a gentleman of good credit, who personally knew this knight, and has left MS memoirs of his life, (now in the family) from which this account is chiefly collected, affirms to have received from Sir John's own mouth, who, he assures us, was a person of too much honour to allow himself the least liberty in his discourse, which was not consistent with the strictest truth. Many of those trees he buried under ground, thinking thereby to keep out the fresh springs that broke in upon his brine-pits; but that undertaking did not answer his expectation, and the expence which his salt-pits and costly buildings had oblig'd him to, hindered him from making an addition to his estate by purchase, which (as my author writes) would *(a)* undoubtedly have extended to a good part of the shire wherein he liv'd, had he thought fit to have employ'd his money to that purpose.

He did not seek after marriage till he had paid all his debts, and clear'd his estate; and then he was so happy as to meet with a beautiful young widow, in London, and a great fortune, being the daughter of Mr. Humphry Smith, of Cheapside, Queen Elizabeth's silk-man, of an ancient family, yet flourishing, in Leicestershire. She had been before married to Benedict Barnham, Esq; one of the aldermen of London, who left her a very rich widow; and that consideration, together with her youth and beauty, made it impossible for her to escape the addresses, even of the greatest persons about the court: but Sir John, was the only happy man who knew how to gain her, being recommended by his worthy friend, Mr. William Seabright, town-clerk of London, who had purchased *(b)* the manor of Besford, in Worcestershire. This lady, had by her first husband (the alderman) four daughters, which were very young when they lost their father, and therefore needed a faithful friend to manage and improve their fortunes; in which trust, Sir John acquitted himself so honourably, that they had 10000l. each, for their portion, when they came to marry, an immense sum in those days. One of these ladies was wedded to

(a) Mr. Tomkins pred. (b) Abington's antiquities of Worcestershire, MS.

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my lord Audley; another, to Sir Francis Bacon, lord viſcount St. Albans; a third, to Sir William Soames, and the fourth, to Sir William Conſtable. When he had done this ſervice to his daughters-in-law, he took care to do a piece of juſtice to himſelf, which indeed, was alſo a great argument of his wiſdom, by getting his accounts paſs'd in chancery, and obtaining an effectual diſcharge there, which could not be otherwiſe eſteem'd, than as a publick teſtimony of his honeſty and integrity.

The deſign of this work obliging me to brevity, I cannot therefore tranſcribe all the memorable paſſages of his life, which Mr. Tomkins has recorded to his honour: but it appears that he had a ſpirit truly great and noble, which diſcover'd itſelf upon every proper occaſion; for, as his ends and deſigns were always generous, and ſuch as became a man of honour, ſo he ſcorn'd to compaſs them by baſe and unworthy means; he had a regard to his reputation in every thing that he did, which had this inſeparable effect, that the whole ſcene of his life was nothing elſe but a continued ſeries of bright and laudable actions.

It is not to be deny'd, but his ſenſe of injuries was ſomewhat too nice, and (which is a frailty the manlieſt tempers are often ſubject to) he knew not how to bear a neglect from his ſuperiors with that ſubmiſſion which was uſually expected. This was ſufficiently evident from the following ſtory: upon the death of the earl of Pembroke, King James appointed the lord Zouch, his ſucceſſor in the preſidentſhip of the marches of Wales, &c. which lord, as ſoon as he had obtain'd his commiſſion, ſent his letters of deputation, to the gentlemen of Worceſterſhire, and among the reſt, to Sir John Pakington, to be one of the lieutenants of that county; but Sir John, finding that the lord Zouch, did not ſhew him the ſame reſpect as his predeceſſor did, (for he had the honour to be particularly nam'd a lieutenant, in the ſame patent the earl of Pembroke had) refus'd to take the letter of deputation from the meſſenger, telling him, *That he had an eſtate as well as his maſter, and did not mean to venture it in muſtering the king's ſubjects, with no better a warrant than that which was only ſign'd by his lord's hand.* And tho' on all other occaſions, his bounty and generoſity extended to the meaneſt, yet, on this, he never aſk'd the meſſenger to eat or drink: but nothing could be a greater proof of the haughtineſs of his ſtomach, than his behaviour in relation to his fiſh-pond.

As he had been at great expences in building his houſe very ſumptuouſly, ſo he was deſirous that every thing about it ſhould be as noble, therefore, he caus'd a large pool, or canal, of 122 acres, to be made in his new park of Weſtwood, and brought a brook, or river, to run into it, cut through a conſiderable extent of ground: but the misfortune was, this great deſign could not

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not be effected without making the highways part of the pond; which, indeed, the country very willingly conſented to, Sir John, having taken care to provide a more convenient road for them. However, it appear'd ſoon after, that this grant was defective in point of law, which one of his neighbours obſerving, and thinking either to mortify Sir John, or ingratiate himſelf with him, got an order from the exchequer to deſtroy his pool, and reſtore the highway as it was before; yet at the time of ſerving the order, ſignify'd, that it was not his intention to give him any moleſtation, but, if he pleas'd, his pond might continue, without the leaſt apprehenſion of diſturbance from him. But, Sir John, ſcorning to hold any thing of curteſy from ſuch a neighbour, and that he might know how little he valu'd him, went immediately to the pool, caus'd the flood-gates to be tore up, and the banks to be thrown down, whereby the water went out with ſuch rapidity, that ſurpriz'd the neighbourhood, diſpers'd great quantities of fiſh about the country, and the river of Severn, at Worceſter, was diſcolour'd for a week. Soon after, this matter was finally determined to Sir John's ſatisfaction, by referrees of the firſt quality in the county, viz. Gervaſe, biſhop of Worceſter, John Talbot, of Grafton, Eſq; and Mr. Sheldon, of Beoly; he repair'd his pool again, and left it in the condition in which it has continued ever ſince.

He was a gentleman that knew how to value his time, ; and as he had the happineſs of a good memory, he took care to improve it with obſervations in hiſtory and phyſick, which were parts of learning he moſt delighted in; and for that purpoſe, he was provided with one to read to him, in thoſe ſciences, at his leiſure hours.

This appetite after knowledge, naturally inclin'd him to love the converſation of learned men, which he often conſulted in difficulties, and by that means, daily inform'd and perfected his judgment.

In the choice of his friends, he did not forget the clergy; with the moſt eminent of which body, the neighbourhood of the city of Worceſter, gave him an opportunity of ſettling a laſting correſpondence, which was evident from the frequent viſits made him by the biſhop, the dean, and prebendaries of that church. Theſe viſits were far from being barely formal and ceremonious; for, upon ſuch occaſions, he would uſually lament to them the ill condition of the church, the dangers that threatned it, as well from the puritans as the papiſts, and the ſubject of their diſcourſe often was, how to provide remedies againſt thoſe evils; for the intereſt of the eſtabliſh'd church was his grand concern; to this he was reſolved to ſacrifice every thing that was dear to him, and he ſcorn'd to enjoy the friendſhip of the greateſt man living, upon

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terms that were not to her advantage. This, the earl of Leiceſter, experienc'd; for, as great as his power was with the queen, he found it very little with this gentleman, when he aſk'd a favour of him in behalf of Cartwright, (whom Camden calls *(a)*, *inter puritanos anteſignanus)* in oppoſition to the authority of the biſhop of Worceſter. He was ſo far from complying with the earl, that he did his utmoſt to diſappoint him; and when afterwards that great peer wrote to Sir John, that it was her majeſty's deſire to have a perfect diſcovery of the value of the lands belonging to the biſhoprick of Worceſter, together with thoſe of the dean and chapter, and how they may beſt be improved, Sir John, flatly and plainly told him, that if there was any intent to overthrow the church, he muſt look out for other inſtruments for that purpoſe, being reſolv'd, for his own part, to have no hand in any ſuch attempts.

It was one great part of his happineſs, that there was a ſet of gentlemen in his neighbourhood, worthy of his acquaintance and familiarity: with theſe he liv'd in a very friendly and hoſpitable manner, and he was never better pleas'd than when he had ſome of their company at his table. The perſons of greateſt note, with whom he contracted an intimacy, were, the biſhop of Worceſter, at Hartlebury; Mr. Talbot, at Grafton; my lord Windſor, at Hewell; Sir John Lyttelton, at Frankley; Mr. Sheldon, at Beoly; Mr. Throgmorton, at Coughton; old Sir Foulk Grevile, at Beauchamp's-court; Sir John Conway, at Arrow; Sir Thomas Lucy, at Charlecote; Mr. Thomas Spencer, at Claverdon, and Sir Edward Grevill, at Milcote.

His ordinary houſe-keeping was ſuch as became a gentleman of a plentiful fortune; and in his entertainments, he lov'd to ſhew he valu'd his friends more than his money, for they were generally very coſtly and noble.

After he had finiſh'd his ſtately ſtructure at Weſtwood, (a very delightful habitation, in the midſt of a wood, from whence it took its name) he invited the earl of Northampton, lord preſident, and his lady, to a houſe-warming; and as his lordſhip was an honourable and jovial companion, a train of above an hundred knights and gentlemen, accompanied him, who ſtaid there ſome time, and, at their going away, acknowledg'd they had met with ſo kind a reception, *that they did not know whether they had poſſeſs'd the place, or the place them:* the delightful ſituation of his habitation, was what they had never before ſeen, the houſe ſtanding in the middle of a wood, that is cut into twelve large ridings, and at a good diſtance, one ring-riding through all of them, and the whole encompaſſed with a park of ſix or ſeven miles, at the farther end whereof, facing the houſe, is the pool, or canal (before-mentioned)

(*a*) Annal. Reg. Eliz. anno 1581.

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mentioned) of 122 acres, which gives a noble luſtre, the trees gracing the water, and the water the woods.

His moſt magnificent entertainment was that which he gave King James, and his queen, (with the greateſt train that ever accompanied them) at Ailſbury, when his majeſty honour'd him with a viſit, after his arrival from Scetland, and before his coronation; upon this occaſion he ſet no bounds to his expence, thinking it a diſparagement to be out-done by any fellow-ſubject, when ſuch an opportunity offer'd; and the king and the whole court acknowledg'd, they never met with a more noble reception.

At length, this great man having lived to ſee his children's children, departed this life, at his houſe at Weſtwood, in the ſeventy-ſeventh year of his age, and was interr'd near his father, at Ailſbury, on the 18th of January, 1625. A year before his death, he was ſeiz'd with a fit of the gout, which diſtemper, at laſt put an end to his life; otherwiſe, he was very happy in a ſtrong and excellent conſtitution of body, which had never met with any ſhock, till about the year before Queen Elizabeth died, and then ſhe did him the honour to order her own phyſicians to attend him, deſigning to have taken him again to court, which her death prevented.

Sir Robert Naunton, a privy-counſellor, gives this character (among others of Queen Elizabeth's favourites and councellors) of him *(a)*, 'he was a gentleman of no mean family, and of 'form and feature no way deſpiſable, for he was a brave gentle-'man, and a very fine courtier, and for the time which he ſtaid 'there, (which was not laſting) very high in the queen's grace. 'But he came in, and went out, and through diſaffiduity, drew 'the curtain between himſelf and the light of her grace. And 'then death overwhelmed the remnant, and utterly deprived him 'of recovery; and they ſay of him, that had he brought leſs to 'her court than he did, he might have carry'd away more than 'he brought; for he had a time on it, but an ill huſband of op-'portunity.' Mr. Lloyd, in the lives of the ſtateſmen and favourites of England, ſince the reformation, ſays *(b)*, 'His hand-'ſome features took the moſt, and his neat parts, the wiſeſt at 'court. He could ſmile ladies to his ſervice, and argue ſtateſ-'men to his deſign, with equal eaſe. His reaſon was powerful, 'his beauty more. Never was a brave ſoul more bravely ſeated: 'nature beſtowed great parts on him, education poliſhed him to 'an admirable frame of prudence and virtue. Queen Elizabeth, 'called him, her Temperance; and Leiceſter, his Modeſty. It 'is a queſtion to this day, whether his reſolution took the ſoldiers, 'his prudence the politicians, his compliance the favourites, 'his complaiſance the courtiers, his piety the clergy, his in-'tegrity

(a) Fragmenta regalia, pag. 55. *(b)* P. 432.

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'tegrity and condeſcention the people, or his knowledge the 'learned, moſt? This new court-ſtar was a nine-days wonder, 'engaging all eyes, until it ſet ſatisfied with its own glory. He 'came to court, he ſaid, as Solomon did, to ſee its vanity; and 'retired, as he did, to repent it. It was he who ſaid firſt, what 'biſhop Sanderſon urged afterwards, *That a ſound faith was the 'beſt divinity, a good conſcience the beſt law, and temperance the 'beſt phyſick.* Sir John Pakington, in Queen Elizabeth's time, 'was vertuous and modeſt, and Sir John Pakington, in King 'Charles's time, loyal and valiant; the one did well, the other 'ſuffered ſo: Greenham, was his favourite, Hammond, his; 'the one, had a competent eſtate, and was contented; the other, 'hath a large one, and is noble: this ſuppreſſeth factions in the 'kingdom, the other, compoſed them in the court, and was 'called by courtiers, Moderation. Weſtmerland, tempted his 'fidelity, and Norfolk, his ſteadfaſtneſs: but he died in his bed, 'an honeſt and an happy man.'

His lady ſurviv'd him, and ſo noted for her riches, that it was difficult for her long to eſcape the ſnares laid for her by the court, to engage her in another marriage. She had firſt, the lord Kilmurry, who lived about two years; then ſhe married Thomas, earl of Kelly, one of King James's favourites.

By Sir John Pakington, ſhe had one ſon, John, and two daughters; Mary, the youngeſt, was wife of Sir Robert Brook, of Nacton, in Suffolk, Knt. and Anne, the eldeſt, married Sir Humphry Ferrers, of Tamworth, Knt. *(a)* and ſurviving him, was afterwards the ſecond wife of Philip, (Stanhope) earl of Cheſterfield.

John Pakington, Eſq; the only ſon of Sir John Pakington, Knt. beforementioned, had the eſtate at Ailſbury, ſettled on him by his father, ſoon after his marriage, (tho' he contracted it without the old gentleman's conſent) who likewiſe procured him to be created a baronet, when he was but twenty years of age, by letters patents bearing date the 22d of June, A. D. 1620. He reſided at Ailſbury, in com. Bucks, for which town he was elected in the parliament, 21 Jac. I. was peculiarly eſteem'd, and dying generally lamented, in the twenty-fourth year of his age, was buried with his anceſtors, at Ailſbury, the 29th of October, in the year 1624, [the church-regiſter gives him the character of the hopes of Ailſbury;] leaving iſſue by the lady Frances, his wife *(b)*, daughter to Sir John Ferrers, of Tamworth, Knt. John, his only ſon, and a daughter, married firſt to colonel Waſhington, and ſecondly, to Samuel Sandys, of Ombersley, in com. Wigorn. Eſq; The lady Frances, their mother, was, by a ſecond marriage, the wife of that noted general, Alexander Leſley, earl of Leven.

Sir John Pakington, Bart. only ſon and heir of the laſt Sir John, ſucceeded in the title and eſtate, and reſided at Weſtwood, after

(*a*) Dugdale's Warw. vol. II. p. 1136. (*b*) Ibid.

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after his grandfather's deceaſe, who left him, in his minority, [at (a) the age of four years, four months, and ſix days,] under the guardianſhip of Thomas, lord Coventry, keeper of the great ſeal of England, by whoſe vigilant care of his education, both by travel, and other advantages, he became an accompliſh'd gentleman, and gain'd the love and eſteem of all that knew him.

He was elected one of the knights for Worceſterſhire, in 15 Car. I. (b) and when the rebellion broke out, was a member in parliament for the town of Ailſbury; and having, on all occaſions, given proofs, both of his fidelity to the crown, and the rights of the ſubject, was entruſted by the king, in the year 1642, (on the houſes paſſing an ordinance for ſettling the militia in ſuch hands as they could confide in) with a commiſſion for arraying men for his ſervice, in Worceſterſhire, to which his majeſty appointed none, in the ſeveral counties, but perſons of the firſt quality, and unexceptionable to the publick, having charged the ordinance beforementioned, to be againſt law.

Sir John Pakington, endeavouring with all his power, to execute this commiſſion (c), was taken priſoner, and committed to the Tower, fin'd five thouſand pound, had his eſtate ſequeſtred, and for his loyalty and ſervices in the king's cauſe, his houſe in Buckinghamſhire, (one of the beſt of that county) level'd with the ground, and ſuch great waſts committed in his woods, that the loſs could never be computed. But the eſtimate of his ſufferings is more clearly demonſtrated, by a particular account kept by his excellent lady, now remaining under her own hand, a true copy whereof follows, viz.

	l.	s.	d.
The firſt compoſition — —	5000	0	0
Charges of the firſt compoſition — —	500	0	0
The ſecond compoſition — —	1000	0	0
The charges of the ſecond compoſition —	300	0	0
Paid for the perſonal eſtate in Worceſterſhire —	108	0	0
Sequeſtration in Bucks ſix years — —	7200	0	0
Sequeſtration in Worceſterſhire three years —	1000	0	0
Sequeſtration of Mr. P—— two years ——	800	0	0
Heydon-hill, and the toll of the market in Ailsbury, thirteen years — —	1900	0	0
Two years decimation — — —	400	0	0
Charges of the arraignment at his tryal —	400	0	0
Money ſpent by him when he went firſt into the army	500	0	0
Charges of the Tower, when he was there —	800	0	0
Charges of the ſuit for recovery of toll and Heydon-hill	240	0	0
Repairs of Weſtwood houſe after the Scots —	200	0	0
Total	20348	0	0

His

(a) Inq. poſt mort. Dom. Joh. Pakington, 15 Feb. R. Car. I. primo. (b) MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm. (c) Ruſhworth Collect. vol. III. p. 686.

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His zeal to the royal family never ſwerv'd; for notwithſtanding he had ſuffer'd ſo much for his loyalty, he had the courage to go in, with a troop of horſe, to King Charles II. at the battle of Worceſter, and was taken priſoner *(a)* there, yet was ſo entirely belov'd in his own country, that when the rebels try'd him for his life, by commiſſioners appointed for that purpoſe, (upon an indictment of his raiſing and heading a troop at the battle of Worceſter) *(b)* they could not procure one witneſs to ſwear againſt him, by which means he was acquitted, and ſet at liberty, but was afterwards fin'd 7670 l. and forc'd, (on petition of Thomas Scot, and others, of the town of Ailſbury, to have the fine granted them for their ſervices to the then pretended parliament) for the ſaid fine, to convey the market-houſe, the tolls, court-leet, and certain grounds call'd Heydon-hill, parcel of his eſtate at Ailſbury to the ſaid Scot, (who was one of the king's judges) and other truſtees, for the uſe of the town, which they kept 'till after the reſtoration, when, by a ſpecial act of parliament, the ſaid conveyances were made void.

His lady was one of the daughters of the aforeſaid Thomas, lord Coventry, keeper of the great ſeal of England, the moſt accompliſh'd perſon of her ſex for learning, and the brighteſt example of her age for wiſdom and piety. Her letters, and other diſcourſes ſtill remaining in the family, and the hands of her friends, are an admirable proof of her excellent genius and vaſt capacity; *(c)* and as ſhe has the reputation of being thought the author of *The Whole Duty of Man*, ſo none that knew her well, and were competent judges of her abilities, could in the leaſt doubt of her being equal to ſuch an undertaking, tho' her modeſty would not ſuffer her to claim the honour of it: but as the manuſcript under her own hand now remains *(d)* with the family, there's hardly room to doubt it.

By her great vertues and eminent attainments in knowledge, ſhe acquir'd the eſteem of all our learned divines, particularly Dr. Hammond, Bp. Morley, Bp. Fell, Bp. Pearſon, Bp. Henchman, and Bp. Gunning, who were ever ready to confeſs they were always edify'd by her converſation, and inſtructed by her writings. Theſe learned and pious Gentlemen never failed of an agreeable retreat and ſanctuary at Weſtwood, as far as thoſe dangerous times would permit; and it ought ever to be remember'd, to the honour of this good lady and her huſband, that the famous Dr. Hammond found a comfortable ſubſiſtence in their family ſeveral years, and at length repos'd his bones in their burial-place, at Hampton-Lovet, in a fair chapel *(e)*, built by Sir Thomas Pakington,

(a) Echard's Hiſt. of England, vol. II. p. 712. *(b)* Dr. Hicks's prefatory epiſtle before his Saxon Grammar. *(c)* Ibid. *(d)* Ex Infor. Dom. Herb. Per. Pakington Bar. *(e)* Abington's antiquities of Worceſterſhire, MS.

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kington, 1561; the windows whereof are full of arms of the Pakingtons, and their matches: the said lady Dorothy, had sepulture there; the 13th of May, 1679; and Sir John, her husband, the 3d of January following. They left issue a son, named after his father, John, and two daughters; ——, married to Anthony Eyre, of Rampton, in Nottinghamshire, Esq; and ——, to William Godfrey, of Lincolnshire, Esq;

This Sir John Pakington, Bart. son and heir to the last Sir John, was, in his person, very comely and graceful, and no less considerable for the good qualities and perfections of his mind (*a*): his apprehension was quick, and his judgment naturally solid; which being well improv'd, and cultivated by a learned education, distinguish'd him early among his neighbours, and recommended him more particularly to the esteem of the bishop, and clergy, of the diocese of Worcester. Nothing would have been too hard for his abilities, had he thought the difficultest parts of learning worth his conquering; but delighting chiefly in a retired life, he was contented to be known but to a few, and being superior to most he convers'd with, in wit and good sense, he had the less ambition to attain to an eminency, by any extraordinary acquisitions in knowledge. If he studied any thing to a great degree, it was how he might oblige his countrymen, by his good offices and services; in which endeavours he so well succeeded, that his (*b*) death was generally lamented throughout Worcestershire, and as a testimony of their affection to the father, they chose his son, (the last Sir John Pakington) their knight for the county, when he was scarce nineteen years of age. He serv'd in parliament, in the reigns of King Charles II. and King James II. as one of the knights for Worcestershire (*c*), and was steady to the establishment in church and state, as his answers, in writing, to the three queries proposed to him by the lord Carrington, lord-lieutenant of the county of Worcester, in those trying times of the late King James, sufficiently shew. The queries, with the answers, here follow:

Quer. I. *If he was elected a member of parliament, whether he would consent to the taking off the test and penal laws?*

Answ. 'The intent of the test and penal laws, being to serve 'the church of England, amongst which, the Act of Uniformity 'seems to be the most important; 'till I am either convinc'd it 'is in less danger than when those laws were enacted, or some 'better security propos'd than they afford, I humbly conceive 'they cannot be taken off without imminent hazard, if not ruin 'of the church of England; of which, I professing my self a 'member,

(*a*) Dr. Hicks's epistle dedicatory to his Saxon grammar, penes B. Willis, Arm. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) MS.

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' member, can neither in honour or conſcience conſent to the re-
' pealing a tittle that relates to its protection, which conſequently
' includes my anſwer to the ſecond query, viz.

Quer. II. *Whether he would contribute to the electing of ſuch as would repeal the teſt and penal laws?*

Anſw. ' For what is not juſtifiable when done in ones own per-
' ſon, can never become ſo by proxy; for which reaſon, I can-
' not contribute to the electing ſuch members, as ſhall abrogate
' the teſt and penal laws, that being, in effect, to promote an
' action in another, which I my ſelf diſapprove.

Quer. III. *Whether you will live peaceably and quietly with neighbours of all perſuaſions?*

Anſw. ' Living peaceably and quietly with neighbours of all
' perſuaſions, is a doctrine ſo ſuitable to my inclination and con-
' ſtant practice, that by growing mutinous, I muſt offer all vio-
' lence imaginable, both to nature and cuſtom; which makes it
' ſuperfluous to tell your lordſhip, how readily I concur in that
' propoſal, with which, if in any circumſtance my future be-
' haviour ſhould not perfectly agree, your lordſhip muſt reckon
' it my misfortune, not my fault.

' In fine, my lord, I eſteem it my greateſt misfortune, that it
' ſhould be in his majeſty's power to aſk that of me, which is not
' in mine, at the ſame inſtant to comply with: but I comfort
' my ſelf with this aſſurance, that ſo nice a critick as his majeſty
' is, in points of honour and conſcience, will never condemn
' me for acting by thoſe very principles to which his great ex-
' ample has given ſo much vigour and encouragement.'

This Sir John, was buried at Hampton-Lovet, the 28th of March, 1688; and having married Margaret *(a)*, daughter of Sir John Keyt, of Ebrington, in Glouceſterſhire, Bart. left iſſue his only ſon and heir, Sir John Pakington, Bart.

Which Sir John, was a ſtrenuous aſſerter of the rights and liberties of his country, and in the year 1702, made that remarkable complaint to the houſe of commons, againſt William, lord biſhop of Worceſter, and Mr. Lloyd, his ſon, for interfering in the election for the county of Worceſter, and ſending letters to the clergy and freeholders, threatning them, if they voted for him, &c. and aſperſing his behaviour in parliament; when the houſe of commons, after hearing the evidence, and mature conſideration,

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*,

' That Sir John Pakington, has, by evidence, fully made out the
' charge which he exhibited againſt the lord biſhop of Worceſter.

Reſolved, *Nemine contradicente*,

' That Sir John Pakington, has, by evidence, fully made out
' the charge againſt Mr. Lloyd, the ſaid lord biſhop's ſon.

Reſolved,

(a) Viſit. Glouceſt. 1682, p. 163.

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Reſolved,

'That it appears to this houſe, that the proceedings of William, lord biſhop of Worceſter, his ſon and his agents, in order 'to the hindering of the election of a member for the county of 'Worceſter, has been malicious, unchriſtian, and arbitrary, in 'high violation of the liberties and privileges of the commons of 'England.'

Reſolved,

'That an humble addreſs be preſented to her majeſty, that 'ſhe will be graciouſly pleaſed to remove William, lord biſhop of 'Worceſter, from being lord-almoner to her majeſty.

Ordered,

'That Mr. Attorney-general, do proſecute Mr. Lloyd, the 'lord biſhop of Worceſter's ſon, for his ſaid offence, after his 'privilege, as a member of the lower houſe of convocation, is 'out.

Veneris, 20 die Novembris, 1702.

Mr. Comptroller, reported to the houſe, That their reſolution and addreſs to her majeſty, for the removing William, lord biſhop of Worceſter, from being lord-almoner to her majeſty, had been preſented to her majeſty, and that her majeſty was pleaſed to give this moſt gracious anſwer.

'I am very ſorry that there is occaſion for this addreſs, againſt 'the biſhop of Worceſter; I ſhall order and direct, that he ſhall 'no longer continue to ſupply the place of almoner, but I will 'put another in his room, to perform that office *(a)*.

Sir John, was conſtantly elected one of the knights for Worceſterſhire, in every parliament, from his firſt being choſen, at nineteen years of age, (except one, when he voluntarily declin'd it) to his death, notwithſtanding the powerful oppoſition which was generally made againſt him; and was ſworn recorder for the city of Worceſter, in the room of the earl of Plymouth, deceaſed, Feb. 21, 172$\frac{5}{6}$.

His firſt lady was, Frances, eldeſt daughter of Sir Henry Parker, of Hunnington, in com. Warw. Bart. by whom he had two ſons, John, who died at Oxford, in the nineteenth year of his age, 1712, and Thomas, who died on his travels, at Rome, 1724, unmarried; alſo three daughters, Margaret, Frances, married to Thomas-Charles, lord viſcount Tracy, of the kingdom of Ireland, and Dorothy, which laſt, died in her infancy.

Sir John, had, for his ſecond lady, Heiter, daughter and ſole heir of Sir Herbert Perrot, of Haroldſtone, in the county of Pembroke,

(*a*) See the whole proceedings at large, againſt the biſhop of Worceſter, in the houſe of commons, and the reſolutions of the houſe of lords, thereupon, in State-tryals, fo. vol. VIII. p. 82, & ſeq.

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broke, Knt. (who died, 1715;) by whom he had one ſon, Sir Herbert-Perrot, his ſucceſſor, and dying Aug. 13, 1727, was interr'd at Hampton-Lovet, with his anceſtors, where, on a fine marble monument, is the following inſcription:

> Here lies Sir John Pakington, Knt. and Bart. aged 65 Years; an indulgent Father to his Children; a kind Maſter to his Servants; charitable to the Poor; loyal to the King, and faithful to his Country; who ſerv'd in many Parliaments for the County of Worceſter, ſpeaking his mind there without reſerve, neither fearing nor flattering thoſe in Power, but deſpiſing all their Offers of Title and Preferment, upon baſe and diſhonourable Terms of compliance: He was choſen Recorder for the City of Worceſter, the 21ſt Day of Feb. 1725, in the room of the Earl of Plymouth, deceaſed, an Honour few ever enjoy'd, under the Degree and Dignity of a Peer of the Realm. He died the 13th of Auguſt, 1727.
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> Here alſo lie Sir John Pakington, Knt. and Bart. and his Lady, Grandfather and Grandmother to Sir John: the firſt, was try'd for his Life, and ſpent the greateſt part of his Fortune, in adhering to King Charles I. and the latter, juſtly reputed the Authoreſs of the Whole Duty of Man, who was exemplary for her great Piety and Goodneſs.

Sir Herbert-Perrot Pakington, the preſent baronet, ſucceeded his father, not only in the title and eſtate, but his ſeat in parliament, and was elected one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Worceſter, in the preſent parliament. He married Elizabeth, daughter of John Conyers, of Walthamſtow, in Eſſex, Eſq; by whom he hath two ſons, John, and Perrot, and two daughters, Heſter and Cecilia, all in their minority.

ARMS: Party per Cheveron, Sable and Argent, in chief, three Mullets, Or; in Baſe, as many Garbs, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Elephant paſſant, Or, armed Gules.

SEAT: At *Weſtwood*, in *Worceſterſhire*.

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45. ROBERTS, of Glaſſenbury, Kent.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, July 3, 1620.

THIS Sir Thomas, is ſaid to deſcend from William Rookherſt, a gentleman of Scotland (*a*), who left his native country, and came unto Goudhurſt, in Kent, in the third year of the reign of King Henry I. and had afterwards the ſurname of Roberts, and having purchaſed certain lands on a hill, in Goudhurſt, called Winchet-hill, he there built a manſion, calling it Rookherſt, after his own name, which it ſtill retaineth to this day; and in the ſaid pariſh of Goudhurſt, the family continued, 274 years, till the reign of King Richard II. when Stephen Roberts, the third Stephen of the family, marrying the daughter and heir of William Tyllye, Eſq; (to whom the manor and lands in Glaſſenbury, belonged,) was, in her right, poſſeſſed thereof, and built a fair ſumptuous houſe, on the hill of Glaſſenbury, which came, by lineal deſcent, to Walter Roberts, Eſq; who, in the year 1472, (13 Edw. IV.) caus'd the ſame to be pull'd down, and in the year 1473, at the charge and expence of eighteen hundred pounds, erected and built another moated houſe, in the valley of Glaſſenbury, in the pariſh of Cranebrook, which is now called Glaſſenbury, where they have ſince continued, there being ſucceſſively, in a lineal deſcent, from William Rookherſt, alias Roberts, thirteen eſquires of the name and progeny, who have dwelt in the pariſhes of Goudherſt and Cranebrook, unto the year 1599, when Thomas Roberts, of Glaſſenbury, Eſq; erected a plain monument of black marble, in the chancel of the church of Cranebrook, with an inſcription thereon, containing a memorial of his family, as is here related.

What I ſhall farther obſerve, is, that the name has been anciently written, (as I find by old wills, deeds, &c.) Robertes, Roberd, Robert, and Roberthe, and that the ſaid William Rookherſt, who firſt ſettled in England, forſook Scotland (*b*), on account of aſſiſting Donald Baune, (who uſurp'd the crown of that kingdom) againſt Edgar, the ſon of Malcolm, king of that country. From which William, after ſix generations, deſcended Stephen Roobertes, (as the name was written, in the reign of King Richard II.) who, by marriage with Joan, daughter and heir of

(*a*) Inſcrip. tumuli apud Cranebrook, in com. Kanc. Dom. Tho. Roberts, Bar.

(*b*) Ex ſtemmate penes

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William Tyllye, became poſſeſſed of the manor of Glaſſenbury, and other lands in Cranebrook *(a)*, as is evident by a deed, in 3 Ric. II. *(b)* wherein John Nywmanne, of Cranebrook, grants to Joan, wife of Stephen Rooberts, of Goutherſt, ſometime daughter of Willim Tyllye, of Cranebrook, and to the heirs begotten between the ſaid Stephen, and Joan, all the lands in Cranebrook, which the ſaid Nywmanne, had, of the gift of the ſaid William Tyllye; from which marriage proceeded,

John Roberts, who had two wives, and was certainly a perſon of great piety and charity, as appears by the bequeſts in his will, which bears date the 20th of January *(c)*, 1460, (39 Henry VI.) and ſoon after departed this life, as the probat thereof ſhews, which is dated the 7th of February following: by which teſtament, he bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. Dunſtan, at Cranebrook, before the altar of St. Giles's, and that xl. be laid out on an honeſt tomb, before the ſaid altar of St. Giles's, for him, and Agnes, his wife, with a writing, making mention of them; to which altar he leaves 13s. 4d. for his tythes forgotten; as alſo to the high altar of Goutherſt, 3s. 4d. the high altar of Merden, xxd. and farther, that Ralph Bever, have certain lands, called Bevers, on condition he purchaſe others to the yearly value of 6s. 8d. therewith to find a lamp, to burn day and night for ever, before the ſacrament, in the chancel of Cranebrook.

He farther wills, that the rents, lands, and mills, which he purchaſed of Thomas Beachingden, and all Podyſland, ſhould be mortyſed for the maintaining a chantry, and a prieſt to ſay maſs weekly, monthly, and quarterly, and ſo yearly, in the church of Cranebrook, for ever; for which, the ſaid prieſt ſhould have x marks yearly, appointing that Sir Robert Angliſby, ſhould have the ſaid ſervice of the chantry, during his life, and after him, that his right heirs ſhould have the preſentment to the ſaid chantry: alſo, if that Walter, and Stephen, his ſons, die within the age of twenty-four years, without heirs, that then there be likewiſe

(a) Mr. Philipot, in his Villare Cantium, p. 98 and 99, in treating of Glaſtenbury, ſays, The houſe which ſtands in a park, is moated about, and hath been for many generations, the capital manſion of the ancient family of Rokehurſt, ever ſince Stephen Rokehurſt, or Roberts, of Curteſden, about the time of Hen. IV. married Joan, ſole heir of William Tilley, of Glaſtenbury, (whoſe anceſtors had flouriſhed at this place, as private evidences inſtruct me, ever ſince the reign of Edw. I.) and in right of that alliance, became lord of this manſion. This Stephen Roberts, alias Rokehurſt, was grandchild of William Roberts, alias Rokehurſt, and that William, was great grandchild of William de Rokehurſt, who, in the reign of William the conqueror, as the evidences of this family inform me, came out of Annandale, in Scotland, into England; and to preſerve the memory of this man, did the family, till Hen. VII. write Roberts, alias Rokehurſt; till, in the eaſt window of the north chancel of the church of Cranbrook, which was built by Walter Roberts, Eſq; in that prince's reign, as alſo in moſt of his deeds and conveyances, the *alias* was left out. *(b)* Ex Autog. in ſtemmate prænd. *(c)* Ex regiſt. vocat. Stockton, qu. 22 in cur. prærog. Cant.

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wife founded a chantry, in the church of Goutherſt, endow'd, as the other, with x marks per ann.

He moreover wills, that Robert Hoo, parſon of Chart, have 20s. to pray for him, and that houſing and grounds be purchaſed for vii poor men, at Cranebrook, and vii poor men at Goutherſt, to dwell therein, every poor man to have xiii s. iiii d. yearly; the payment whereof to be made every quarter; as likewiſe xiii s. iiii d. yearly, to repair their houſes: which poor men, he appoints his right heirs, to have the election of, and that they ſhould pray for his ſoule, his wives ſoules, his friends ſoules, and all chriſtian ſoules; the ſaid poor men to be of the pariſh of Cranebrook, and if not to be found there, then of the pariſhes adjoining; but if any of his kinſmen have need thereof, that they be provided for before any other: ordaining that the ſaid alms to the ſaid poor men, ſhould be paid out of the rents of his manor and lands, of Deryngdale, in Suſſex. He alſo orders, that v marks be rais'd yearly, out of his goods, during the term of ſeven years, after his deceaſe, to be diſpended in clothing of xiii poor men and women, with gowns, hoods, and coats, and paying vid. to every prieſt coming to his year's-day, and ſinging maſs; likewiſe that xxl. be laid out to remove the rood loft, in the church of Cranebrook, and ſetting it on the high chancel there; and for the mending the ways between Dunſtan's-croſs, and Glaſſenbury, beſtows xl.

He bequeaths to the daughters of his firſt wife, all the lands in Merden, of her inheritance; alſo to Agnes, his preſent wife, an annuity of v marks, during her widowhood, out of his manor of Deryngdale, as alſo an annuity of v marks, out of his lands in Goutherſt, and Cranebrook, (provided ſhe releaſe her dower in all his lands in Kent, and Suſſex,) alſo gives her the place that Thomas Horden, dwell'd in, during her life, beſides xx marks for her part of his goods and chattels. He farther bequeaths to Walter, his ſon, all his lands in Suſſex, as well within the ports, as without, when he ſhould be of the age of twenty-four years; and to his ſon, Stephen, all his lands in Kent, when he likewiſe came to the age of twenty-four years; directing, that during the ſaid time, they ſhould have for their maintenance x marks yearly, while they were at Oxford, or in any inn of chancery, and xl. yearly, when they come to an inn of court. The reſt of his lands, goods, &c. unbequeath'd, he gives to Agnes, his wife, Walter, and Stephen, his ſons, equally to be divided between them, and conſtitutes them executors.

This John Roberts, being ſuch a conſiderable benefactor to the church of Cranebrook, had his effigies *(a)* painted in the window of the north iſle thereof, kneeling (in armour) with his helmet,

(a) Ex ſtemmate prædicto.

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adorned with a plume, lying by him, before a deſk, with a book lying thereon, and underneath, this inſcription:

> Orate pro animabus Johannis Robertes, & Agnetis Uxoris ejus, & pro Waltero Robertes, Armigero, & pro animabus Margarettæ, Iſabellæ, & Aliciæ Uxorum ſuarum.

The ſaid Walter Robertes, became poſſeſſed of the whole eſtate, by the death of his brother, Stephen, who died without iſſue, and was a perſon very much fam'd for his eminent qualifications, and hoſpitality, as alſo for adhering to the Lancaſtrian intereſt, in which he became a great ſufferer, in the reign of King Richard III. for, having the courage to keep Sir John Guldeford *(a)*, in his houſe at Glaſſenbury; (which, a few years before, he had ſumptuouſly rebuilt) Sir Edward Stanley, and Sir John Savage, Knts. enter'd his ſaid houſe, with ſoldiers, on the Wedneſday following the purification of the virgin, in 1 Ric. III. and apprehending there the ſaid Sir John Guldeford, would have likewiſe ſeized this Walter Robertes, had he not by ſtratagem, eſcap'd them: but for this he was attainted of treaſon, his eſtate ſeiz'd, and was forc'd to abſcond, till King Henry VIIth obtain'd the crown, when he was reſtor'd to his poſſeſſions again.

In 4 Henry VII. *(b)*, he had a grant from the king to impark ſix hundred acres of land, and one thouſand acres of wood, in Cranebrook, Gowdehurſt, and Ticehurſt, in the counties of Kent and Suſſex; as alſo that he and his heirs ſhould have free warren in all his lands and woods, and fiſhing in his waters, in the pariſhes aforeſaid, with all liberties and franchiſements in ſuch caſes granted. He was ſheriff of the county of Kent, the ſame year, and having lived under ſix kings; Henry VI. Edw. IV. Edw. V. Richard III. Henry VII. Henry VIII. departed this life, at more than eighty years of age, A. D. 1522, as ſhould ſeem by the probat of his will, which bears date the 18th of October, the ſame year.

By which teſtament, dated 12 Feb. 13 Henry VIII. *(c)* he bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of Cranebrook, between the image of our lady of pity, and his pew, and that a ſtone be laid over him, directing Thomas, his ſon and heir, immediately after his death, to find an honeſt ſecular prieſt, to ſay maſs, and celebrate divine ſervice at St. Giles's altar, in the ſaid church, for evermore, for the ſouls of his father, mother, his wives ſouls, his own ſoul, and all chriſtian ſouls, according to the will of John Roberthe, his father: but if it ſhould happen that the wife of the ſaid Thomas, his ſon, or the wives of any of his heirs hereafter, to

(*a*) Ex Autog. in eod. ſtem. (*b*) Ex origin. penes Tho. Roberts, Bar. (*c*) Ex Reg. Maynwaring, qu. 28.

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to whom the inheritance of the manor of Glaſſenbery, deſcends, ſhould lie in childbed in the ſaid place called Glaſſenbery; or if the peſtilence reign in Cranebrook, that then, for the time of the continuance thereof, and alſo during the time of ſuch lying in childbed, to the times of their purification, the ſaid prieſt ſhould ſay maſs at his place of Glaſſenbery, and be excus'd from his attendance at the pariſh-church: for which ſervice he ſhould have a ſalary of x marks, payable by his heirs for ever, out of his lands in Cranebrook, and Goutherſt: and that this might be made ſure, he wills, That if the ſaid Thomas, his ſon, refuſe to find the prieſt, and ſettle lands for his maintenance, that then his truſtees, (Sir Edward Nevil, Knt. Sir Henry Wyat, Knt. William Aſhburnham, Eſq; and others) ſhould find one, and ſettle lands, as aforeſaid; and on failure of them, that the churchwardens of Cranebrook, provide one, and yearly receive of his heirs for ever, the rent of x marks: but if the pariſhioners of Cranebrook, ſhould, at any time hereafter, in the ſpiritual court, or any other court, vex or diſquiet his ſaid ſon Thomas, or any of his heirs, on account of any prieſt to be found, according to the laſt will of John Roberthe, his father, that then this his will, touching the finding the ſaid prieſt, ſhould be void.

He farther bequeath'd to the ſaid church of Cranebrook, towards the making of the middle iſle thereof, one half of all the timber for that work; as alſo to the church of Goutherſt, xii oaks, the beſt that could be choſe on the lands he bought of —— Baſeden: and appointing Alice, his wife, and Thomas, his ſon, executors, entails his lands on his eldeſt ſon, Thomas, and his heirs; and in default, on his other ſons, Clement, John, William, George, Edmund, and Martin, with remainder to his daughters, Elizabeth Hendle, Mary St. Nicholas, Joan Horden, Elizabeth Tukke, Joan Leed, Dorothy St. Nicholas, and their heirs male, as alſo to Anne, his daughter, then unmarried; and in default of ſuch iſſue, to William Aſhburnham, of Aſhburnham, and his heirs male; declaring that his intent is, that his manors and lands ſhould not be divided or parted between heirs males, but that they ſhould deſcend, according to the cuſtom of the common laws of the realm, and not after the cuſtom of Gavelkind, uſed within the county of Kent.

This Walter Roberthe, Eſq; (as the name was then wrote) had three wives. He firſt married (23 Octob. 1463) Margaret, daughter and heir of John Penn, of Penn's place, in the pariſh of Aldenham, in Hertfordſhire (*a*), who was ſquire to the duke of Clarence; and ſhe dying the 6th of May, 1480, he eſpous'd Iſabel, daughter of Sir John Culpeper, Knt. and after her deceaſe, he wedded Alice, daughter of Richard Naylor, Eſq; and widow

(*a*) Chauncey's Hertfordſhire, p. 494.

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of the lord Abergaveny: he had by all of them *(a)*, thirty children, but only thoſe nam'd in his will, ſurvived to maturity. From the ſecond marriage is deſcended the family now remaining at Boorſel, in Suſſex.

Thomas Roberts, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir, by Margaret, his firſt wife, inherited the eſtate at Glaſſenbury, was conſtituted ſheriff of Kent, in 25 Henry VIII. and departed this life, in 5 Philip and Mary, 1557, leaving (by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob Fremingham, of Suffolk, and heir to —— Walworth) ſeveral ſons and daughters, whereof Walter, was his ſucceſſor in the eſtate.

Which Walter Robertes, Eſq; took to wife, Frances, daughter and heir of John Maynard, alderman of London, who was born when the emperor, Charles V. was in England, and had the honour to have him for her godfather. He had by her three ſons, that lived to maturity, viz. 1. Thomas, hereafter mentioned; 2. Edmund, (who took to wife, Judith, third daughter of William Bird, Eſq; of the city of London, and widow of Thomas Blunt, Eſq; and deceaſing 12 Septemb. 1627, left Thomas, his ſon and heir;) 3. Alexander Robertes, of Thorp, near Egham, in Surry, who was a great traveller, and, by the daughter of Thomas Culwich, of London, Eſq; left iſſue.

Thomas Roberts, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon and heir of Walter,) was eighteen years of age at his father's deceaſe, and ſucceeding to the eſtate at Glaſſenbury, became much eſteem'd for his exemplary way of living. He was hoſpitable without exceſs, charitable without oſtentation, and in all other reſpects ſhew'd himſelf a prudent and judicious gentleman, a lover of his country, and a good chriſtian; he valu'd the memory of his anceſtors, and bore in his mind their good actions, as well as the care they had taken in preſerving the eſtate entire, for many generations; whereupon, in the year 1599, he caus'd an inſcription to be ſet up in the church of Cranebrook, (as before is mentioned) that his poſterity having it always before their eyes, might be induc'd to imitate their example, and preſerve the credit and repute his forefathers had liv'd in.

This Thomas Roberts, had the honour *(b)* of knighthood conferr'd on him, at Whitehall, 23 July, 1603, by King James I. before his coronation; and his majeſty farther honour'd him with the dignity of a baronet, by letters patent, bearing date the 3d of July, 1620, in which year he was ſheriff of Kent. He eſpous'd Frances, daughter of Martyn James, of Smarden, in Kent, Eſq; and had iſſue by her four ſons, Sir Walter, his ſucceſſor, Thomas, John, and William, who all died unmarried; likewiſe three daughters, Frances, who married John Hooper, of Stockberry, Eſq;

(a) Ex Autog. in ſtemmate. *(b)* Philpot's Cat. of knights.

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Eſq; and after his deceaſe, Henry Criſp, Eſq; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Sir Alexander Culpeper, of Bedgdbury, Knt. and Anne, who wedded Thomas Criſp, of Goudherſt, Eſq; all in the county of Kent. Sir Thomas, died Feb. 21, 1628.

Sir Walter Roberts, (ſon and heir of Sir Thomas) was knighted by King James, at Greenwich, the 7th of May, 1624, and afterwards ſucceeded to the title of baronet. He made an addition to his eſtate, by marriage with Margaret, daughter and heir of George Roberts, of Brenchesley, in com. Kanc. Eſq; and by her had five ſons, and three daughters, but none of them ſurviv'd him; ſo that his ſucceſſor in title and eſtate, was his grandſon, Sir Howland Roberts, ſon and heir of Thomas Roberts, Eſq; by Elizabeth, daughter and ſole heir of Sir Matthew Howland, Knt. who was remarried to ——Scott, of Conghurſt, in the pariſh of Hawkhurſt, in Kent, Eſq; which Thomas, lived chiefly in Suſſex, and lies interr'd in Warbleton-church, in that county, under a plain monument, whereon is this inſcription:

Here lies buried in this Church, Thomas Roberts,
Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir Walter Roberts, of
Glaſſenburie, in Kent, Knight and Baronet, who
Marry'd Elizabeth, ſole Daughter and Heir of
Sir Matthew Howland, Knight, and Dame
Elizabeth, his Wife, and died the 23d of
January, 1638.

The ſaid Thomas Roberts, Eſq; beſides Sir Howland, his eldeſt ſon, had alſo another, named Walter, who was poſſeſſed of a genteel eſtate in Surry, that came to him by his mother's relations; whereupon he took the ſurname of Howland, but leaving no iſſue, his poſſeſſions devolv'd on the late Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart.

This Walter, married Eliz. daughter of ——Nutting, of Cambridge, and has a neat oval marble monument erected to his memory, in the church of Stretham, in Surry, with this inſcription:

Here lyeth the Body
Of Walter Howland, alias
Roberts, late of Briſtow-Cauſey,
In the Pariſh of Lambeth, in Surrey,
Eſq; Son of Thomas Roberts, Eſq;
Of Glaſſenbury, in Kent, and
Grandſon to Sir Matthew Howland,
And Nephew to Sir John Howland,
Of Stretham, in Surrey, who
Departed this Life the 6th of Decemb.
1692, in the 55th Year of his Age;
Alſo the Body of his only Son,
John Howland, departed
This Life the 16th of July,
1674, in the 12th Year
Of his Age.

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Sir Howland Roberts, Bart. (grandſon and heir of Sir Walter) took to wife Bridget, daughter of Sir Robert Jocelyn, of Hyde-hall, in com. Hertf. Knt. who was born the 23d of Auguſt, 1626, and had iſſue by her, 1. Bridget, born the 8th of December, 1657, and married at Glaſſenbury, the 5th of October, 1675, to Edmund Trench, of London; 2. Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned; 3. Jocelyn Roberts, born the 29th of October, 1659, at Glaſſenbury, and late of Bednal-green, Eſq; who took to wife Hanah, ſecond daughter of Joſeph Harris, citizen and merchant-taylor, of London, and had iſſue by her three ſons, and three daughters, which ſons, died in their minority: of the daughters, the eldeſt married Edmund Farrington, a Turky merchant; Hannah, was wife to Mr. Langton, of London, goldſmith, and Rebecca, died unmarried; 4. Elizabeth, born the 27th of Jan. 1661, who died young; 5. Dorothy, born after the deceaſe of her father, 8 May, 1662, wife to John Spence, of Mawling, near Lewes, in Suſſex, Eſq;

The ſaid Sir Howland Roberts, died towards the latter end of the year, 1661, and was buried at Cranebrook, with his anceſtors, as he deſired by his laſt teſtament. His lady ſurviving him, who remain'd a widow till her death, in April, 1707, and his eldeſt ſon, Sir Thomas, ſucceeded him in the title and eſtate.

Which Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart. was born the 2d of Decemb. 1658, and baptiz'd in Glaſſenbury-chapel, the 7th following. He was ſteady to the conſtitution both in church and ſtate, and ſo hearty a friend to both, that King James II. left him out of the commiſſion of the peace; but on the acceſſion of their majeſties King William, and Queen Mary, to the crown, he was, with others, ſworn therein, 19 June, 1689; and his intereſt was ſo conſiderable in his country, that on the deceaſe of Charles Fane, earl of Weſtmorland, in the year 1691, when Sir Vere Fane *(a)*, one of the knights in parliament for Kent, was called up to the houſe of peers, he was then choſe in his place; alſo in 7 William III. was elected to ſit in parliament for the ſame county, with the hon. Philip Sidney, Eſq; afterwards earl of Leiceſter; after which, declining to repreſent the county, he was return'd for Maidſtone, to the firſt parliament of the late Queen Anne; but on a petition to the houſe of commons, both he and the other repreſentative, Sir Robert Marſham, Bart. were declar'd unduly elected. He married, 31 May, 1683, Jane, daughter and coheir of Sir John Beal, of Farningham, in Kent, Bart. and had iſſue by her; 1. Jane, born the 5th of April, 1684, who married Samuel Trench, of London, and died without iſſue, 20 October, 1706. 2. Howland, born the 13th of October, 1685, unfortunately drown'd at Glaſſenbury, 14 July, 1689. 3. Bridget, born

(a) MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm.

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born December 1, 1686, married Edmund Trench, of London, died June 9, 1720, and left one ſon, Edmund, who died, April 14, 1725. 4. Elizabeth, born the 28th of February, 168$\frac{7}{8}$, who died an infant. 5. Sir Thomas, born the 27th of June, 1689. 6. Sir Walter, born in March, 169$\frac{9}{7}$. 7. John, born the 19th of July, 1692, and died the 8th of Auguſt following.

Their father, Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart. departed this life the 20th of November, 1706, in the 48th year of his age, (and his lady died the 25th of July, 1692) whereupon the dignity and eſtate devolv'd on his eldeſt ſurviving ſon, Sir Thomas Roberts, Bart.

Which Sir Thomas, in the year 1714, took to wife Elizabeth, ſole daughter and heir of Mr. Samuel Newbery, of London, and died without iſſue, January 5, 1729-30: his lady died before him, July 30, 1727, and are both buried under one marble ſtone, in the middle chancel, in Cranebrook-church.

Sir Walter Roberts, who ſucceeded his brother, Sir Thomas, in title and eſtate, is the preſent baronet: he married, in 1726 *(a)*, Elizabeth, ſole daughter and heir of William Slaughter, of Rocheſter, in the county of Kent, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Thomas, who died an infant, and lies buried under the pew belonging to his ſeat, in Hunton church, in the ſaid county of Kent, and two daughters, Elizabeth, and Jane, who are both now living.

ARMS: Azure, on a Cheveron, Argent, three Mullets, Sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, an Eagle diſplay'd, Argent, gorg'd with a Garland, proper.

SEAT: At *Glaſſenbury*, in the pariſh of *Cranbrook*, in *Kent*.

46. HANMER, of Hanmer, Flintſhire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 8, 1620.

OUR Britiſh genealogiſts deduce this family from a man of great proweſs, nam'd *(b)*, Sir Thomas Mackfel, who had iſſue a ſon, John, who was likewiſe a knight, and reſiding at the town of Hanmer, in Flintſhire, (part of his poſſeſſions) had from thence the ſurname of Hanmer, which his poſterity have ever ſince retain'd. He was conſtable of Carnarvon-caſtle *(c)*, in the reign

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Walt. Roberts, Bar. *(b)* MS. intit. Records penes Fra. Hougham. *(c)* Liber Baronettorum MS, ſub manu Tho. Jekyl, Arm.

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reign of King Edward I. and is ſaid to marry Hawes, daughter and heir of *(a)* Enion ap Gwillim, ap Griffith, ap Gwinwinwin, lord of Powis, and Gwinwinwin, and a deſcendant from Bleddwyn ap Kynwyn, prince of all Wales. By this lady he had three ſons, Owen, ſurnam'd Goch, (from his being red) who ſucceeded to the lordſhip of Hanmer, in 2 Edw. II. and dying iſſueleſs, divided his lands between his brothers, David, and Philip.

Which Philip, became, at length, ſole heir to the whole eſtate of his brother, Owen, and taking to wife, Agnes, daughter and heir to David ap Rice, ap Evan, ap Jones, had by her two ſons, David, and James; alſo two daughters, Margaret, married to Morgan Goch, ap Gruff, ap Jerworth Voell, and Mirannoy, wedded to Gruffe ap Hana, de Overton.

David Hanmer, (ſon and heir of Philip) was a perſon learned in the laws, and for his fidelity to the Engliſh nation, was conſtituted one of the juſtices of the king's-bench *(b)*, on the 26th of Feb. in 6 Rich. II. (1383) and had alſo the honour of knighthood conferr'd on him *(c)*, in 10 Rich. II. He left iſſue, by Angharad, his wife, daughter of Lhyvelin Dhu ap Griffith ap Jorworth Voell, two ſons, Griffith Hanmer, of Hanmer, Eſq; (who, by Gwervill, daughter of Tudor ap Grono, of Angleſey, had only one daughter, Angharad, the wife of John Puleſton, of Emeral, Eſq;) and Jenkyn Hanmer. This Sir David Hanmer, had alſo a daughter nam'd Margaret, who was married to the famous Owen, ſurnam'd Glyndowr, lord of Glyndowrdwy, lineally deſcended from Madoc ap Meredyth, prince of Powis, and he from Bledwyn ap Kynwyn, prince of all Wales. The ſaid Margaret, had, by Owen Glyndowr, ſeveral ſons and daughters; one daughter married Sir John Scudamore, Knt. another married Henry, lord Grey, of Ruthyn, and another married John, lord Croft, of Croft.

He was ſucceeded by his ſecond ſon, Jenkin [John] Hanmer, or Hannemere, (as the name was anciently written) who was a *(d)* knight, and had two wives. By Margaret, his firſt wife, daughter and heir of David, ſon and heir of Blethwyn Vychon, of Ockenbolt, lineally deſcended from Edwyn, lord of Tregangle, alias Englefield, he had lands, and a manſion place called Llwyn Derwn, in Tregangle, in Flintſhire, and ſhe bore him a ſon, named Griffith. And by his ſecond wife, Eve, daughter to David ap Grono, ap Jerwith, he had three ſons; 1. John, of Halton, or Haughton and Llay (whoſe grandſon, Sir Edward, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Saliſbury, Knt. but died without iſſue, and his ſiſter, Jane, was his heir, who married Sir Roger Puleſton, of Emeral, Knt.) 2. Edward Hanmer, of the Fenns,

(a) Ex Coll. W. Thomas. *(b)* Dugdale's chron. Series, p. 42. Clauſ. 6 R. II. p. 2. m. 18. *(c)* Ex Col. W. Thomas. *(d)* Liber Baronettorum prædi.

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Fenns, in com. Flint, anceſtor to thoſe of that name reſiding there; 3. Richard Hanmer, of Bettisfield, from whom the Hanmers, of Bettisfield, and Burbridge, deſcended.

This Sir Jenkin Hanmer, Knt. was ſlain in the battle of Shrewſbury, viz. at Battlefield, in the time of King Henry IV.

Griffith Hanmer, of Hanmer (ſon and heir of Sir Jenkin, by his firſt wife) was married to Eleanor, daughter of Sir Peers Dutton, Knt. and had iſſue by her, Richard, his ſon and heir, and five daughters, who were all married; viz. Elizabeth, to Ellis Eyton, of Eyton; Alice, to David Lloyd, ap Jevan, ap Gruffith, of Powis; Margaret, to David Eyton; Jennet, to William ap Rys, ap Gruffith, ap Gwillim, of Togingle, and Maud, to Lewes Yalle.

The ſaid Richard Hanmer, Eſq; took to wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Roger Kynaſton, of Hordley, in com. Salop, Knt. (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Henry Grey, earl of Tankervile, by Antigone, daughter to Humphry, duke of Glouceſter,) and had iſſue five ſons, Thomas, John, Chriſtopher, David, and Humphry; alſo three daughters, Ermine, wife of Sir Edward Puleſton, Knt. Dorothy, of Edward Brereton, of Burſham, and Eleanor, of Richard Wicherley, of Wicherley, Eſqrs.

Couſin-german to this Richard, was Sir Edward Hanmer, knighted in Scotland *(a)* in the reign of King Henry VII. for his valiant behaviour in the army, under the command of the earl of Surry.

Thomas Hanmer, Eſq; (eldeſt ſon of Richard) was *(b)* knighted at Bullogne, by King Henry VIII. and departed this life on the 10th of February, 1545, (37 Henry VIII.) He married Jane, daughter of Sir Randolph Brereton, of Malpas, Knt. and had iſſue five daughters; 1. Eleanor, wife of William Hanmer, of the Fenns, Eſq; (who, by his laſt teſtament, bearing date, 13 Jan. 1570, the probat whereof is, on the 9th of April following, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chancel, on the north ſide of the church of Hanmer,) and left ſix ſons. 2. Elizabeth, wife of John Conway. 3. Margaret, of David Bird. 4. Catherine, of Peter Puleſton; and 5. Mary, of Roger Kynaſton, Eſqrs. He had likewiſe five ſons; Thomas, Randle, John, Richard, and Humphry.

Thomas, the eldeſt, ſucceeded at Hanmer, and was made a knight *(c)*, by the king's royal mandate, on the 22d of February, 1 Edw. VI. His lady was, Catherine, daughter and heir to David, ſon of Thomas Salter, of Oſweſtre, in com. Salop, Eſq; and he had iſſue by her a daughter, Margaret, married, firſt, to Roger Puleſton, of Emeral; ſecondly, to John Puleſton, of Lleway-Knottey,

(a) Nom. equit. in Bibl. Cotton Claudius, C. 3. p. 49. (b) Ibid. p. 94.
(c) Nom. equit. præd. p. 172.

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Knottey, Eſqrs. alſo four ſons, John, Thomas, William, and Randle; whereof,

John, the eldeſt, inherited the eſtate at Hanmer, ſerv'd in parliament *(a)* for the town of Flint, in 13 Eliz. and having married Jane, daughter to Sir John Saliſbury, of Lleweney, in com. Denbigh, Knt. had iſſue three ſons, Thomas, John, and Edward, and was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

Thomas Hanmer, Eſq; who had all the advantages of education, and, in his youth, waited on the earl of Derby, into France, *(b)* in the twenty-ſeventh year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, when that earl went ambaſſador to inveſt King Henry III. with the order of the garter. He was afterwards, in 35 Eliz. elected knight *(c)* to ſerve in parliament, for the county of Flint; and when King James I. aſcended the throne, he was honoured with knighthood *(d)* at Whitehall, the 23d of July, 1603, before his coronation; likewiſe, in the fifteenth year of the reign of that prince *(e)*, he was appointed, among others, one of the council to William, lord Compton, preſident of the marches of Wales; and departed this life, the 18th of April, A. D. 1619. He married, firſt, Anne, daughter of John Talbot, earl of Shrewſbury, by whom he had only a daughter, Catherine, that died an infant: but by Catherine, his ſecond wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Moſtyn, Knt. he had, John, his ſon and heir; Thomas, who married the relict of —— Charlton, of Apley, Eſq; and died S. P. and Roger; alſo three daughters, Anne, married to Humphry Dymoke, of Willington, Eſq; Urſula, who died unmarried, and Margaret, married to Roger Ellis, of Alrey, in Flintſhire, Eſq;

The ſaid John Hanmer, Eſq; (ſon and heir of Sir Thomas) was created to the degree of a baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 8th of July, 1620, in the eighteenth year of the reign of King James I. and was elected knight of the ſhire for the county of Flint, to ſerve in the parliament that met at Weſtminſter, in 21 Jac. I. He acquir'd the general eſteem of all that knew him, and died, much lamented, in the flower of his age, A. D. 1624. This Sir John, married Dorothy, daughter and coheir to Sir Richard Trevor, of Trewallyn, in com. Denb. Knt. and had iſſue three ſons, Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor, John, a captain, ſlain S. P. and David, who died S. P. alſo two daughters, Mary, married to Sir Edward Liſter, of Rowton, in com. Salop, Knt. and Catherine, married to Edward Kynaſton, of Ottley, in Salop, Eſq;

Sir Thomas Hanmer, of Hanmer, Knt. and Bart. ſucceeded his

(a) MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm. *(b)* Aſhmole's Hiſt. of the garter, p. 395. *(c)* MS. penes Br. Willis, Arm. *(d)* Philpot's cat. of knights. *(e)* Rymer's Fœd. vol. XVII. p. 28, 29.

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his father in title and eſtate, and married two wives; firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Baker, and ſiſter and heir to Thomas Baker, of Whittingham, in Suffolk, Eſq; (ſhe was maid of honour to Anne, wife of King Charles I.) by whom he had one ſon, Sir John, his ſucceſſor, and a daughter, named Trevor, who married Sir John Warner, of Parham, in Suffolk, Knt. His ſecond wife was, Suſan, daughter of Sir William Hervey, of Ickworth, in the county of Suffolk, Knt. (by Suſan, ſiſter to Sir Thomas Jermyn, Knt.) by whom he had two ſons, William, and Thomas, and two daughters; Suſanna, married to Sir Henry Bunbury, of Stanny, in Cheſhire, Bart. and another, that married Mr. Robert Booth, of Cheſter, but died iſſueleſs, beſides other children, who died young. William, the eldeſt ſon, married Peregrine, daughter of Sir Henry North, Bart. ſiſter and coheir to Sir Henry North, of Mildenhall, in the county of Suffolk, Bart. (to whom he gave his whole eſtate,) by whom he had Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned. Thomas, the ſecond ſon, apply'd himſelf to the ſtudy of the law, was knighted by King Charles II. and made ſolicitor to Queen Catherine, in which office, he died young and unmarried.

Sir Thomas Hanmer, Bart. the father, liv'd in great reputation and honour, ſerv'd in parliament for the county of Flint, and died in that truſt, anno 1678: he was ſucceeded in honour and eſtate, by

Sir John Hanmer, Knt. and Bart. his only ſon, by his firſt wife. He was elected knight of the ſhire for the county of Flint, in the reign of King Charles II. as alſo burgeſs for the town of Flint, in the reign of King James II. and of King William, and Queen Mary: applying himſelf to the army, he commanded a regiment under his late majeſty King William, at the battle of the Boyne, where he acquir'd great honour, and ſerv'd with equal reputation to the end of his life, dying a major general, and colonel to the ſame regiment, in the year 1701. He married Mary, the daughter and heir of Joſeph Alſton, of Netherhall, in Suffolk, Eſq; ſon and heir of Edward Alſton, of Boxford, in the ſaid county, Eſq; but leaving no iſſue, his eſtate, and the title of baronet, devolv'd on the preſent Sir Thomas Hanmer, Bart. his nephew, only ſon of William Hanmer, Eſq; by Peregrine, ſiſter of Sir Henry North, Bart. beforementioned.

Which Sir Thomas Hanmer, the preſent baronet, in the year 1698, married Iſabella, daughter and heir of Henry Bennet, earl of Arlington, widow and relict of Henry, duke of Grafton, (father of the preſent duke) by whom he had no iſſue; ſhe dying 1722, he married, ſecondly, the daughter and heir of Thomas Folkes, of St. Edmondſbury in Suffolk, Eſq; by whom he hath no iſſue. He was elected to parliament for the town of Flint, as alſo

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alſo for the borough of Thetford, in the laſt parliament call'd by King William, and on her late majeſty's acceſſion to the throne, was choſen knight of the ſhire for the county of Flint, to ſerve in her firſt parliament; alſo in the 7th year of Q. Anne, was elected one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Suffolk; for which county he ſerv'd the remainder of that reign; and was unanimouſly choſen ſpeaker of the houſe of commons in the 12th of Q. Anne; he alſo ſerv'd for the ſaid county, in both the parliaments called in the reign of King George I.

ARMS: Argent, two Lyons paſſant, guardant, Azure, arm'd and langued, Gules.

CREST: On a Cap of Dignity Azure, doubled Ermine, a Lyon ſeiant guardant, Argent.

SEATS: At *Hanmer*, and *Bettisfield*, both in *Flintſhire*; and at *Mildenhall* in *Suffolk*.

47. BISHOPP, of Parham, Suſſex.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, July 24, 1620.

OF this family, anciently ſeated in Yorkſhire, was ——— Biſhopp, *(a)* who left two ſons, John, and Thomas; the former whereof dying without iſſue male, his two daughters were his coheirs; Anne, the wife of —— Benyon; and Elizabeth, of Hugh Towers, of the county palatine of Lancaſter, Eſqrs.

The ſaid Thomas Biſhopp, taking to wife, Elizabeth, relict of William Scot, of the county of Eſſex, Eſq; and only daughter of Sir Edward Belknap, Knt. privy counſellor to Henry VII. and VIII. by Alice, daughter of —— Barton, Eſq; became thereby poſſeſs'd of a good eſtate in the county of Suſſex, and reſiding at Hendfield, left iſſue by the ſaid Elizabeth, (who died in the year 1569,) Thomas, his ſon and heir.

Which Thomas Biſhopp, Eſq; born *(b)* in the year 1549, (4 Ed. VI.) ſerv'd in parliament for Gatton, *(c)* in Surrey, in the 27th of Queen Elizabeth; and the year following was elected for Steyning, in Suſſex; and had afterwards the honour of knighthood conferr'd on him by that Queen; he was again return'd for Steyning, in the firſt parliament call'd by King James I. and by that prince was created to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. He married two wives, and liv'd to a great age. By Anne, his firſt

(a) V.ſit. de com. Suſſex, A. D. 1579. *(b)* Ibid. præd. *(c)* MS. penes B. Willis, Arm.

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firſt wife, who was daughter of William Cromer, of Tunſtall, in Kent, Eſq; he had no iſſue; but by his ſecond wife, Jane, daughter of Sir Richard Weſton, of Sutton, in com. Surr. Knt. he had three ſons; Thomas, who died a batchelor; Sir Edward, his ſucceſſor in title and eſtate; and Henry, who died unmarried; as alſo two daughters, Elizabeth, who eſpous'd Sir John Greſham, of Titſey, in Surry, Knt. and Frances, wedded to John Aldford, of Offington, in Suſſex, Eſq;

Sir Edward Biſhopp, Bart. (ſon and heir of Sir Thomas,) was knighted by King Charles I. at Hampton-Court, on the 18th of December 1625, and was return'd for Steyning, to the firſt parliament call'd by that prince; and taking part with his ſovereign againſt his rebellious ſubjects, was made a priſoner in Arundel-Caſtle, and had his inheritance ſequeſter'd. He married, Mary, fourth daughter of Nicholas Tufton, earl of Thanet, by whom he had iſſue four daughters; Frances, (aged eight years, 1634,) who married Sir George Warburton, of Arley, in com. Ceſt. Bart. Diana, (born in the year 1628,) eſpous'd to Sir Henry Goring, of Highden, in com. Suſſex, Bart. Mary, (born A. D. 1633,) who died an infant; and Chriſtian, who wedded Sir Thomas Cobb, of Adderbury, in Oxfordſhire, Bart. alſo three ſons, Thomas, (aged ſeven years, 1634,) who died unmarried; Edward, who died an infant; and Sir Cecil, who ſucceeded to the eſtate and title.

Which Sir Cecil Biſhopp, Bart. married Anne, daughter and heir of George Berry, of Cullum, in com. Oxon. Eſq; and died the third of June, 1705. He had by his lady two ſons, and three daughters; Edward, who died in the life-time of his father, in the 21ſt year of his age; and Sir Cecil, his ſucceſſor: Sarah, married to Sir Richard Newdigate, of Harfield in Middleſex, Bart. Chriſtian, the wife of Sir Robert Fagg, of Wiſton, in Suſſex, Bart. and Mary, married to Thomas Mannock, of Great Bromley-Hall, in Eſſex, Eſq; younger ſon of Sir Francis Mannock, of Gifford's-Hall, in Suffolk, Bart.

Sir Cecil Biſhopp, Bart. the only ſurviving ſon, and ſucceſſor to his father, married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Henry Dunch, of Newington, in Oxfordſhire, Eſq; and had iſſue, Sir Cecil, his ſucceſſor, Henry, Charles, who died at Prague, of a fever, March 29, 1739, unmarried; James, and John; alſo Mary, married to the hon. Mr. Dormer, ſon to the lord Dormer; (ſhe died Nov. 2, 1739.) Sir Cecil, dying Oct. 1725, was ſucceeded, in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Cecil Biſhopp, the preſent baronet, who was repreſentative for Penryn in Cornwall, in the firſt parliament of his preſent majeſty, and married 1726, Anne, ſecond daughter of Hugh, lord viſcount Boſcawen, by whom he hath iſſue ſeveral children.

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ARMS: Argent, on a Bend cottiz'd, Gules, three Bezants.
CREST: On a Wreath, a Griphon ſeiant, reſting his Dexter Foot on a Shield, or Eſcutcheon, Argent.
SEAT: At *Parham*, in *Suſſex*.

48. VINCENT, of Stoke-D'abernon, Surry.

(Sir FRANCIS, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, July 26, 1620.

THIS family, on the marriage of Thomas Vincent, Eſq; (in the beginning of the reign of Queen Elizabeth) with Jane, only daughter and heir to Thomas Lyfield, of Stoke-D'abernon, Eſq; became poſſeſſed of that inheritance; which ſeat, of Stoke-D'abernon, has ever ſince been their principal reſidence, tho' they were, for ages before, eminent in the county of Leiceſter, and afterwards in the county of Northampton.

The firſt I meet with, is, John Vincent *(a)*, mentioned with others, in a fine, in 48 Henry III. '*Philippus de Caſtro, Richardus Brim, Johannes Vincent, Rogerus Eyre, & Symon filius Willielmi Brorgenſis Rowell, fecerunt homagium Dno. regi de villa Rowell cuſtodienda ad opus regis, & colligenda firmas, & alias proventus in eadem Villa, cum omnibus exilibus teſte rege apud Nottingham. 14 April.*

Some of the family were alſo at Swinford *(b)*, in com. Leiceſt. For in 10 Edw. II. Miles Vincent, was owner of much lands there, in the hundred of Guthlackſton, upon the banks of the river Avon, which divides that county from Northamptonſhire. This Miles, bore for arms, three Caterfoils, and, by Jane, his wife, had iſſue two ſons, John, and Robert Vincent, of Rothwell, living 49 Edw. III. father to John Vincent, of the ſame place *(c)*.

John, the eldeſt ſon, ſeated alſo at Swinford, in 6 Edw. III. was, by the king's letters patent, made receiver of his rents and profits in the county of Pontive, in France *(d)*, Octob. 15, in the fourth year of his reign; about which he ſuffer'd impriſonment in the Tower of London, 8 Edw. III. *(e)* until he had ſetled his accounts.

This John, had iſſue, Sir Thomas Vincent, of Swinford, Knt. living 10 Henry IV. who added to his eſtate the lordſhip of Bernake,

(a) Finet, 48 Hen. III. m. 4. (b) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 278. (c) Clauſ. an. 49 Ed. III. in 33 & 34. (d) Pat. 4. Ed. III. m. 1. (e) Clauſ. 8. Ed. III. No. 15 in dorſo.

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nake, by marriage with Joan, daughter and heir to Sir John Bernake, of Bernake, in com. Northampton, Knt. ſon and heir to Geffry Bernake, of the ſame place, by Iſolda, his wife, daughter and heir to Henry Paas, of Bernake. The ſaid Geffry *(a)*, is painted as an armed knight, (holding his ſhield of three horſe barnacles) in Peterborough church.

Son and heir to Sir Thomas, was John Vincent, of Bernake, and Swinford; who, by Margaret, his wife, daughter to Sir Baldwin Drayton, of Cranford, had iſſue, Richard Vincent, lord of the ſaid manors; who was ſlain by Henry Killigrew, anno 12 Hen. VI. having had, by Elizabeth, his wife, four ſons; 1. John; 2. Robert, who had the lands in Swinford, from whom the Vincents, of Thingdon, in co. Northampton, deſcended; 3. Richard, from whom the family at Sheppey, in com. Leiceſter, is deriv'd; and 4. William, a monk, in the abby of Crowland, who died 6 cal. March, A. D. 1437.

John Vincent, of Bernake, (eldeſt ſon and heir of Richard) married Margaret, daughter to John Jordaine, of the county of Stafford, and had two ſons, Robert, and Richard; from which Richard, thoſe of the name, at Meſſingham, in com. Lincoln. and of Peckleton, in the ſaid county, and of Smeeton, in Yorkſhire, and thoſe of Horpole, in com. Northampton, are deriv'd.

Robert Vincent, the eldeſt ſon, took to wife Catherine, daughter and coheir of Thomas Semark, and was father of Thomas Vincent, who was ſeated at Bernake, in 1 Edw. IV. and having married twice, had iſſue only by his laſt wife, Cicely, daughter of Sir John de Cauſton, Knt. viz. John Vincent, of Bernake, temp. Hen. VII. who wedded Anne, daughter to Charles Hill, and was ſucceeded by David, his ſon and heir.

Which David Vincent, Eſq; in 22 Hen. VIII. had a grant for life, of the office of keeper of the king's wardrobe, within his manor of Richmond, and the next year, of keeper of the wardrobe, at Greenwich; alſo in 27 Henry VIII. had a grant for life of the office of warden of the mint, within the Tower, after the death or ſurrender of John Pate. In 30 Hen. VIII. the king demiſes to him the lordſhip of Pyrrybar, in com. Suff. and the year after, conſtitutes him keeper of his wardrobe, at Hampton-court, during life. In 33 Hen. VIII. he had a grant (with Robert Bocher, Gent.) of the ſcite of the houſe of the Grey Fryars, in Grantham, and the ſcite of the priory call'd Black Fryars, in Stamford, com. Linc. and was in ſuch favour with his prince, that he was called to be one of the witneſſes to his laſt will and teſtament, and therein had a legacy left him of 100l.

In the reign of King Edward VI. he was one of the gentlemen of the bedchamber, and had a grant of the manor and rectory of

(a) Ex col. Aug. Vincent, penes Dom. Fran. Vincent, Bar.

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Long-Ditton, in Surry, as alſo of a meſſuage at Richmond, in the ſame county, in which he reſided at the time of his death, A. D. 1565, (7 Eliz.) and had interment in the church of Richmond.

'By his laſt teſtament, bearing date 20 Aug. 1565, he be-'queaths his body to be buried in ſuch place as his executors 'think proper; gives ſeveral ſums of money to the reparations of 'the churches of Bernack, Long-Ditton, Hampton, and Rich-'mond; ordering likewiſe 20s. to be diſtributed to the poor, in 'every of the ſaid pariſhes. It alſo appears, that he was a boun-tiful maſter to his ſervants, and as careful in providing for his children. He leaves to Anne, his daughter, 200l. at the day 'of her marriage, beſide one gold ring, with a diamond, and a 'chain of gold; alſo a tablet, with the picture of St. Michael, 'graven on an agate, ſet in gold, which his firſt wife was wont to 'wear; likewiſe her mother's wedding ring. And to every of 'his other daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, and Jane, 100l. each, 'and a gold ring at their marriage.

'He farther bequeaths, to Henry, his youngeſt ſon, 100l. at 'the age of twenty-one years, and a leaſe of Tenhall Grange; 'alſo that his executors allow him twenty nobles, yearly, till he 'comes to twenty-ſix years of age, for his better maintenance 'and learning, at Oxford, Cambridge, or the inns of the court 'of chancery. To Thomas, his eldeſt ſon, he bequeaths all his 'manors, lands, &c. in the counties of Surry, Northampton, 'and Lincoln, paying his debts and legacies; conſtitutes him, 'and two others, and one of his ſervants, executors, deſiring his 'ſpecial good lord, the earl of Bedford, and Sir William Cecil, 'Knt. principal ſecretary of ſtate, to ſee his will perform'd.'

His firſt wife was, Elizabeth, daughter of —— Spencer, of the county of Northampton, Eſq; by whom he had, Thomas, Henry, and Anne, beforementioned, who married Sir Edward Heron, Knt. one of the barons of the exchequer. His other wife was, Jane, daughter to William Rotſey, de com. Wigorn, Eſq; who had iſſue by him three daughters, Elizabeth, Mary, who died unmarried, and Jane, married to John Chaworth, of Crophill-Butler, in com. Nott. Eſq; *(a)* and was mother to Sir George Chaworth, Knt. viſcount Chaworth, of the kingdom of Ireland.

His eldeſt ſurviving ſon, Thomas Vincent, Eſq; married Jane, daughter and ſole heir of Thomas Lyfield, of Stoke-D'abernon, Eſq; by Frances, his wife, daughter and coheir of Edmund, lord Bray; and in her right, was poſſeſſed of that eſtate which lies upon the river Mole, and for diſtinction, is called D'abernon, from the Dabernons, ancient lords of that place, as the following inſcription in the church thereof, farther ſhews, viz.

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(a) Thoroton's Nottinghamſhire, p. 161.

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Here lyeth buried the Body of Frances, the Wife of Thomas Lyfield, Eſq; Owners of the Manors of Stoke-Dabernon, in the County of Surrey. The which Frances, was the youngeſt Daughter of Sir Edmund Bray, Knt. Lord Bray, and of the Lady Jane, his Wife; which Jane, was ſole Daughter and Heir of Richard Haleighwell, Eſq; and Anne, his Wife; which Richard, was Son and Heir to Sir John Haleighwell, Knt. and the ſaid Anne, was ſole Daughter and Heir of Sir (a) John Norbury, Knt. which Sir John, was ſon and heir of Sir Henry Norbury, Knt. and Anne, his Wife; the which Anne, was Daughter and Heir to William Croſier, Eſq; the which William, was Son and Heir to Sir William Croſier, Knt. and Elizabeth, his Wife; the which Elizabeth, was Daughter and Heir to Sir William D'Awbernon, Knt. who deſcended from (b) D'Awbernon, the Norman, which came into England with William the Conqueror, and from whom this Manour did deſcend lineally to the ſame Sir William. And the aforeſaid Sir Henry Norbury, was Son and Heir to Sir John Norbury, Knt. and Elizabeth, his Wife; the which Sir John Norbury, was Treaſurer of England, in the time of King Henry IV. and the ſaid Elizabeth, his Wife, was eldeſt Siſter to Sir Ralph Butler, lord Sudley, and Lord-Steward of the Houſhold to King Henry VI. The which Sir Ralph, was Son and Heir to Thomas Butler, Lord Sudley; and the ſaid Thomas, was Son and Heir to Sir William Butler, who married the Daughter and Heir of John, lord Sudley, lineally deſcended from King Harold, whom William the Conquaror ſlew in the Field. Which ſaid Frances Lyfield, died 27 Maii, A. D. 1592, in the 70th Year of her Age; leaving Iſſue, by the ſaid Thomas Lyfield, Jane, now the Wife of Thomas Vincent, Eſq;

Which ſaid Thomas Vincent, Eſq; fixing his reſidence at Stoke, as beforementioned, exchang'd his manor of Bernake, with Tho-

(a) Sir John Norbury, lies buried in the chancel, in Stoke church, belonging to the Vincent family, which chancel he built, and has a little marble monument there erected to his memory, whereon he is repreſented kneeling, in compleat armour. Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Vincent, Bar. (b) Sir John D'Abernon, the Norman, lies buried, as does alſo Sir William D'Abernon, in the chancel of Stoke church, before the communion table; the ſtones which cover them are inlaid with braſs, with two figures of armed knights, bearing the arms of D'Abernon on their ſhields. The ſaid arms are well painted, on glaſs, in the window over the communion table; as alſo, in ſeveral compartments, are, the arms of Croſier, Norbury, Haleighwell, Bray, Lyfield, Vincent, with their intermarriages placed there, by Sir Francis Vincent, the firſt baronet. Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Vincent, Bar.

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mas Cecil, earl of Exeter, for lands in the county of Surry, that his eſtate might lie more contiguous. He lived in great reputation and eſteem, and Queen Elizabeth, as a mark of her favour, gave him the honour of a viſit, at Stoke, on the 25th of September, 1601, at which time, her majeſty conferr'd on him the honour of knighthood.

He lies buried on the north ſide of the chancel of the church at Stoke, under an arched freeſtone monument, which ſhews the effigies of a knight in armour, and his wife lying by him, cut out in full proportion, and colour'd; with theſe inſcriptions to perpetuate his memory:

In Obitum clariſſimi Viri Thomæ Vincent, Equitis Aurati, qui Vitam commutavit 14 Dec. A°. Dni. 1613, Ætat, 70.

Epicedium.

Time, that blots out the Actions of the Good,
Is fit, with watchful Care to be withſtood:
Which, to prevent, is offer'd to your view,
No Poet's Fantaſie: here's nought but true.
His Body here, the Earth doth thus incloſe;
His purer Soul, in Heaven hath repoſe.
Religious and true Zeal, in him did breed,
Due Care to cloath the Poor, and Hungry feed:
Well temper'd Juſtice, with Sincerity,
Love, to the Good, the Ill, Severity:
With many more ſuch Virtues, now not riſe,
Did him poſſeſs while he enjoy'd his Life:
He, firmly praying, ſaid his laſt Amen,
Is crown'd by God, and much renown'd with Men.

Vincit qui patitur.

——— Mæcenas mearum
Grande decus columenque rerum
——— Mercurialium,
Cuſtos Virorum.

Relating to his lady, is this:

In Obitum illuſtriſſimæ Feminæ, Janæ Vincent, Uxoris Thomæ Vincenti, Equitis Aurati, quæ ex hâc Vita commigravit, 23 Jan. A. D. 1619.

If to be wiſe, vertuous, and good,
Be the prime Ornaments of noble Blood:
If theſe be Enſigns of a royal Mind,
Thou add'ſt a Luſtre to thy Sex and Kind.
Theſe free-born Graces, that were once in thee,
Make us now happy in thy Memory:

Who,

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Who, tho' tranſlated to tranſcendent Glory,
Liv'ſt freſh to us in this ſublimed Story.
We know, in Heaven thou haſt a glorious Name,
Yet we'll in Honour here preſerve thy Fame;
In ſpight of Death, whoſe greedy envious Eye,
Aims at us below, and not at thee on high.

They had iſſue two ſons, Francis, and Bray, who died unmarried; alſo a daughter, married to Sir Matthew Brown, of Beechworth-caſtle, in Surry, Knt.

The eldeſt ſon, Sir Francis, was knighted in his father's lifetime, with many more, by King James I. at Whitehall, 23 July, 1603, before his coronation; and was afterwards created a baronet by letters patents, dated the 26th of July, A. D. 1620, and in the firſt (a) year of the reign of King Charles I. ſerv'd in parliament for the county of Surry. He had three wives, firſt, Sarah, daughter of Sir Amias Paulet, Knt. governor of Guernſey and Jerſey, and of the privy-council to Queen Elizabeth: 2. Mary, daughter to Sir Henry Archer, of Eſſex, Knt. and 3. Eleanor, daughter and ſole heir of Robert Mallet, of Welley, Eſq; and widow to Sir Arthur Ackland, Knt. The lady Sarah, his firſt wife, was buried in the chancel, at Stoke, under an arched freeſtone, in which is her ſtatue, cumbent, reſting upon her elbow; and within the alcove, this inſcription:

In Obitum illuſtriſſimæ Feminæ Saræ Vincent, Ux. Franciſci Vincenti, Equitis Aurati, quæ Vita commutavit, 13 Junii, Anno Dom. 1608, Ætat. 37.

Religio Ingenium Candor Pietaſq; Fideſq;
Hæc quinque hoc criſti pulvere læta jacent:
Tot res conjeſtas humilo miraris in Uno?
At mirare magis tot fuit una Sara,
Et Sara noſtra Saram, nc ex omni parte referret,
Fecerant vitæ tempora ſola brevis:
Ergo Abræ alterius ſponſi gremium tenet & quam
Viva frequentabat continet oſſa domus.

By Sir Francis, ſhe had ſeveral ſons, (who died without iſſue,) and two daughters; Elizabeth, married to John Ackland, of Ackland, in com. Devon. Eſq; and Margaret, to Sir Francis Gabell, of Cobham, in Surry, Knt. but of the ſons, only Anthony, the youngeſt, ſurviv'd his father.

Which Sir Anthony Vincent, Bart. born A. D. 1594, was ſheriff of the county of Surry, in the 12th year of the reign of King Charles I. which county, before that year, was united with Suſſex, and one ſheriff ſerv'd both. He behav'd himſelf with all dutiful allegiance to his prince, during the great rebellion in 1641,

(a) MS. penes Brown Willis, Arm.

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and ſuffer'd with other loyaliſts on that account. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Arthur Ackland, of Killerton, in com. Devon. Knt. and was ſucceeded in title and eſtate, by his ſon and heir

Sir Francis Vincent, Bart. who was a member for the port of Dover, in the long parliament, in the reign of King Charles II. and taking to wife, 1. Catharine, daughter of George Pitt, of Harrow on the Hill, in Middleſex, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, had by her three ſons, Sir Anthony, Sir Francis, and Arthur, who died without iſſue; as alſo two daughters, Catharine, and Elizabeth, who both died unmarried. And by a ſecond wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Vane, of Hadlow, in Kent, Knt. had two ſons, 1. Thomas, of Fetcham, in Surry, who married twice; firſt, Margaret, daughter and heir of William Bluck, of Hadley, in Middleſex, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon Francis, who died unmarried; ſecondly, Mary, daughter of Sir Arthur Onſlow, of Weſt Clandon, in Surry, Bart. (great grandfather of Richard, the preſent lord Onſlow) relict of Sir Robert Reeve, of Thwait, in Suffolk, Bart. by whom he had no iſſue; Henry, ſecond ſon of Sir Francis, died in the late wars in Spain, S. P. Sir Francis, had likewiſe two daughters, Elizabeth, married to Philip Hildyard, of Eaſt Horſley, in Surry, Eſq; and Frances, who died unmarried. This Sir Francis, was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Anthony Vincent, Bart. who married Anne, daughter of Sir James Auſten, of Southwark, Knt. and left only a daughter, Catherine, married to the Rev. Dr. Warren, of Marden, in com. Hertf. whereupon the title and eſtate devolv'd on his brother, Sir Francis Vincent, Bart.

Which Sir Francis, was elected one of the knights for the county of Surry, in two parliaments, the one in the ſecond year of the reign of King William and Queen Mary, and the other in the 9th year of the reign of Queen Anne; and having married Rebecca, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Aſhe, of London, merchant, had iſſue by her ſix ſons, Anthony, Francis, Thomas, Henry, Richard, and William: as alſo four daughters, Catharine, Frances, Elizabeth, and Anne. Anthony, the eldeſt ſon, died young; Francis, deceas'd at the age of 28, unmarried; and Thomas, who ſerv'd in her late majeſty's armies in Spain, died there unmarried.

Of the reſt, Sir Henry, the eldeſt ſurviving ſon, was his ſucceſſor; Richard, deceaſed; and William, married the daughter of the Rev. Dr. Warren, of Marden, in Hertfordſhire, by whom he hath two ſons, and two daughters, William, Arthur, Diana, and Catherine, all unmarried.

Of the four daughters of Sir Francis, Catherine, the eldeſt, married George Phipps, of Oxford, Eſq; Frances, the ſecond, wedded

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wedded Mr. William Ward, of London, merchant; Elizabeth, third daughter, married the rev. Mr. John Butterfield, rector of Stoke D'Abernon; and Anne, the fourth, died young.

Sir Francis, died Feb. 10, 1735-6, aged 90, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſurviving ſon,

Sir Henry Vincent, the preſent baronet, who in Feb. 1727-8, was elected member of parliament for Guilford, in Surry: he married Elizabeth, daughter of Bezaleel Sherman, of London, Eſq; Turkey-merchant, and hath had iſſue (*a*) two ſons, Francis, married Aug. 1741, to Elizabeth, the only daughter and heir of Mr. Kilmaine, late banker, in the Strand; and Thomas, who is unmarried; and five daughters, the two eldeſt, named Anne, both died young; Elizabeth, is unmarried; Heſter, married, July, 1740, the right hon. the earl of Clanrickard, of the kingdom of Ireland; and Sarah, deceas'd.

ARMS: Azure, three Caterfoils, Argent.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Crown, proper, a Bear's Head, Argent.

MOTTO: *Vincenti Dabitur*, tho' anciently was borne, *Vincit qui patitur*, or *Non niſi Vincenti*: And Sir Francis, the firſt baronet, had on his funeral trophies, *Virtute non Viribus vincent.*

SEAT: At *Stoke-Dabernon*, near *Cobham*, in *Surry.*

49. TICHBORNE, of Tichborne, Hampſhire.

(Sir BENJAMIN, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, March 8, 1620.

THIS family, variouſly written Titchebourn, Tichbourne, and Tichborne, is preſum'd to be of Saxon original, deduced from Ticceburn (*b*). But to come to what's certain, 'tis found in ancient deeds, records, &c. that Sir Roger de Tichebourne, a valiant and daring knight, was poſſeſſed of the lordſhip of Tichburne (*c*), in the county of Southampton, temp. Hen. II. and, by marriage with Mabell, ſole heir of the family of Lymerſton, in the Iſle of Wight, had alſo poſſeſſion of that eſtate, and left iſſue by her two ſons and a daughter; Sir Walter de Tichbourne, Knt. Geffery, and Phelippe.

Sir Walter, ſucceeded, as lord of Tichbourne, and left iſſue, Sir Roger de Tichborne, Knt. of the ſame place, as alſo, another ſon, named John.

Which

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Vincent, Bar. (*b*) Mon. Ang. vol. I. p. 37, (*c*) Ex ſtemmate ſub manu W. Segar, W. Camden, & R. St. George, Reg. Arm. penes Dom. Hen. Tichborne, Bar.

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Which Sir Roger, releas'd and quit claim'd for himſelf and heirs, to the (*a*) chapel of St. ——— of Lymmerſton, and to the chaplains there ſerving, all his right and title in the land, at Langred, which Geffry de Titchbourne, his uncle, had given them, witneſſed by Sir William de Inſula, or Liſle, Sir Jordan de Inſula, Jordan de Kingſton, and others. The charter bears no date, but the ſeal annex'd, is the graphical deſcription of a knight, cloath'd in antique male, under an upper robe, or garment; his right hand brandiſhing a ſword, and his left obſcur'd by an oblong target of arms, covering his breaſt, mounted on a war horſe, in full courſe, and circumſcrib'd in the characters of the age, *S. Rogeri de Tichbourne.*

By his wife, Alicia Hake, or Hacket, he had no iſſue, ſo that John de Tichbourne, his brother, ſucceeded.

Which John, had to wife, Margaret, daughter and heir of Roger Sipherwaſt, the chief of a noted family, that had large poſſeſſions in Dorſetſhire, and the weſtern parts of England, which, by this marriage, devolv'd on the Tichbournes. He had iſſue by her, two daughters, Catherine, and Margaret; as alſo, two ſons, Sir Roger, and John Tichbourne: which Margaret, ſurviving her huſband, afterwards married Thomas Durant.

The ſaid Sir John Tichbourne, was a perſon of great eminence: ſerving in the (*b*) parliaments of the ninth and tenth of King Edward II. as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Southampton; he had (as uſual in thoſe days) his expences allow'd. He was ſheriff of the ſame county, in 14 Edw. II. (*c*) and at the ſame time (conjunctively with Adam Walrand,) was ſheriff of Wiltſhire, and Dorſetſhire, which office had then great power and authority. He continued ſheriff of the two laſt counties, the two following years; in the former whereof, viz. on the 8th of October, 15 Edw. II. (*d*) he was conſtituted caſtellan, and warden of the king's caſtle, of Old Sarum. In 1 Edw. III. (*e*) he, and John de Warblyngton, having ſerv'd in parliament as knights of the ſhire for Southampton, had 21l. 18s. for fifty-four days expences. In 6 Edw. III. (*f*) he is mentioned (in a petition of Henry Sturmy, keeper of the foreſt of Savernake,) to be one of the King's juſtices itinerant; and in 8 Edw. III. he, and John Mauduit, were ſheriffs of Wiltſhire; and, not long after, dedarted this life, having married Amicia ——, by whom he had a daughter, Catherine, a nun, at Whorwell, as alſo four ſons; 1. Roger, 2. Richard, who took to wife, Alice, daughter and coheir of John de la Hode, of Tiſted, and had iſſue, Richard, who aſſum'd the name of Tilted (*g*), from the inheritance that came by

(*a*) Ex ſtemmate præd. (*b*) Pryn's brief Regiſter, vol. IV. p 48, 52. (*c*) Fuller's Worthies, in eod. com. (*d*) Ex originale penes Dom Hen. Tichborne, Bar. (*e*) Pryn. præd. p. 80. (*f*) Ryley's Plac. parliament. in append. p. 653. (*g*) Ex ſtemmate præd.

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by his mother, and was anceſtor to the Tiſteds, of Tiſted, that in the fourth generation terminated in heirs female; 3. Walter de Tichborne, who married Agatha, the other daughter and coheir of John la Hode; 4. Thomas.

Roger Tichebourne, (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir John) married Catherine, daughter of Roger Loveday, ſiſter and heir of Richard Loveday, as appears by inquiſition, taken in 12 Edw. II. upon the death of the ſaid Richard, who then died ſeiz'd of the manor of Briſſet, in Suſſex, and of divers lands in the county of Cambridge, and elſewhere: his ſiſters, Margaret, aged thirty years; Anne, wife of Richard Hackum, aged twenty-eight years; Elianor, aged twenty-ſix years; and Catherine, wife of Roger Ticheborne, aged twenty-four years, being heirs thereto.

This Roger de Tichborne, died before his father; for, in 11 Edw. III. his ſon, Roger Ticheborne, was found to be twenty-three years *(a)* of age, and couſin and heir to his grandmother, Margaret, late wife of Thomas Durant. Alſo the ſame year, the king receiv'd his fealty for the manor *(b)* of Catteſhanger, with the appurtenances, which the ſaid Margaret held of the king *in capite*.

Which Roger, in 16 and 19 Edw. III. (being ſtil'd ſon of Roger de Tichborne) releas'd *(c)* to Sir John Poultney, Knt. and Margaret, his wife, all his right in the manors of Cheule, Wethersfield, and Swafham-Priour, with the advowſons of the churches of Cheule and Wethersfield, aforeſaid. In 20 Ed. III. he paid 40 s. ſcutage for every knight's fee he poſſeſs'd at the making the king's eldeſt ſon a knight, which was *(d)* thus rated, viz.

	l.	s.
Roger de Tichborne holds in Kempſhute, half a knight's fee, which was John Tichbourne's ——		20
In Catteſhanger half an hide of land, which was Roger Sipherwaſt — — — —		4
In Tichborne, one knight's fee, which was John Tichborne's — — — —		40
And, with Will. le Wait, in Limerſton, half a knight's fee, which was, John Tichborne, and Henry Wayts,		20
At the ſame time, Richard Tiſted, held in Weſt-Tiſted ——		

The ſaid Roger, was ſucceeded by John, his ſon and heir, who, in the life-time of his father, in a Latin acquittance, writes himſelf, John de Ticheburne, ſon and heir of Roger de Ticheburne, and acknowledges to have received of John de Iſle, and Adam de Rake, Knts. ſixty marks, ſterling, in part of payment of an hundred,

(a) Eſch. 11 Ed. III. in ſtem. præd. *(b)* Ex orig. in tn. 11 Ed. III. *(c)* Clauſ. 16 Ed. III. m. 74, & Clauſ. 19 Ed. III. part. ada. *(d)* Ex lib. duob. Fœdor in Scac. in officio. remem.

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dred, wherein they had been bound unto him; which receipt, is dated at Wodington, in that isle, [*i. e.* Wight,] on Thursday, the morrow before St. George, the martyr, 39 Edw. III. from the conquest. This John, was knighted; and, by his wife, Cicely, daughter and heir of the said Sir Adam de Rake, had issue a daughter, Olivia, and a son, John.

Which John, held of Bryan de Wyndsor, (who died, temp. Rich. II.) of his manor of Stanwell, in com. Midd. the manor of *(a)* Shipcote, by the service of half a knight's fee, and by the service of paying, every twenty-four weeks, to the said Bryan, and his heirs, 3 s. 4 d. He was sheriff of the county of Southampton, in 6 Hen. IV. and in the tenth year of that king's reign. The same arms, crest, and supporters, that his descendants now bear, are appendant to a deed, wherein he is stil'd, John Tichebourne, son and heir of John Tichebourne, Knt. granting to William Warner, his servant, for his good service perform'd, all his lands, tenements, woods, meadows, rents, and services, with a water-mill, in Dorsetshire, which his father, Sir John Tycheborne, Knt. purchased of John Gille, the son of William Gille, at Mulle, in the parish of Morden, in the said county. Given at Tichebourne, upon the feast of St. Mark, the evangelist, 10 Hen. IV. after the conquest.

He married Margaret, daughter to John Moking, of London, of a family *(b)*, surnam'd from Moking, their capital residence, situate in Middlesex; and had issue by her, John, William, and Eleanor; of whom,

John Tichborne, Esq; the eldest, took to wife, Joan, daughter to Thomas Wandesford, alderman of London, sister and coheir to William Wandesford, Esq; and had issue another John Tichborne, Esq; who was sheriff of Hantshire, in 3 Hen. VII. and in the eleventh year of that king's reign, was *(c)* petitioner with Anne, the wife of Thomas Lowth, son of Thomas Lowth, and Alice, the other sister and coheir to William Wandesford, concerning the lands of the said William, who died without issue, and was attainted in parliament, 1 Edw. IV.

He had to wife, Margaret, daughter and heir to Richard Martin, of Eden-bridge, in Kent, by Margaret, his wife, daughter and heir of Walter Wallis, of Cowden, in com. Sussex; and had issue by her, four sons; 1. William, that died without issue; 2. Nicholas; 3. Thomas, who had his mother's inheritance, at Eden-bridge, and was progenitor to a family, from whom, as heirs-general, were descended Calthrop, and Potter, and as heir-male, John Tichborne, D. D. The fourth son was, Henry Tichborne,

(*a*) Ex evid. hujus fam. in stemmate prad.
(*b*) Norden's spec. de com. Midd.
(*c*) Ex Rot. parl. de anno 11 Hen. VII.

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Tichborne, who married Anne, daughter of —— Marvin, and had a numerous iſſue.

Nicholas, the eldeſt ſon and heir, enjoy'd the ancient patrimony, was ſheriff of the county of Southampton, in 1 Edw. VI. but dying ſoon after, left iſſue by his wife, Anne, daughter of Robert White, of Southwarnborough, in com. Southampton, Dorothy, married to John Sambourne, of Berkſhire; Margaret, eſpouſed to John Bruin, from whom the Bruins, of Farnham, deſcended; and Dorothy, who was the wife of Thomas Leigh, of Cheſhire. He had alſo four ſons, Nicholas, Bartholomew, Roger, and William.

Of which, Nicholas, the eldeſt, ſucceeded in the inheritance; and in 1 Queen Mary, was ſheriff of the county of Southampton; as alſo elected for the ſame county, one of the knights of the ſhire in the parliament that queen called to meet at Oxford.

By his firſt wife, Juliana, daughter and heir of Robert Fenrother, alderman of London, he had only a daughter, Juliana, who married Thomas Creſſwell, of Odiam, in com. Southampton, Eſq; but by his ſecond wife, Elizabeth Rythe, of Rythe, (ſole heir of her brothers, Thomas, William, and James,) proceeded five ſons, and three daughters, viz. Conſtance, the wife of Robert Knight, of Lyford, in com. Berks; Anne, of John Beronſam; and another, who married —— Bend, of Suſſex. The five ſons were, Benjamin, Gilbert, Ambroſe, Martin, and Jeremy, whereof the eldeſt ſucceeded to the eſtate.

Which Benjamin Tichborne, of Tichborne, Eſq; was ſheriff of the county of Southampton, in 21 Eliz. as alſo in the laſt year of the reign of that queen, whereby he diſtinguiſhed himſelf in a very particular manner; for, as ſoon as he had notice of the death of his ſovereign, he (without any order from the adminiſtration,) immediately proclaim'd at Wincheſter, and thro' the whole county of Southampton, the happy acceſſion of K. James I. to the crown of England: which zeal was ſo acceptable to his majeſty, who was inform'd of the great intereſt he had in his country, that he conferr'd the honour of knighthood on him, and his four ſons; and for other his faithful ſervices *(a)*, granted the caſtle of Wincheſter, in fee farm, to him and his heirs for ever; as alſo a penſion of 100l. per ann. during his own life, and the life of his ſon, Sir Richard. His ſaid majeſty likewiſe honour'd him with ſeveral viſits, at his ſeat, at Tichborne. At one, in the year 1618 *(b)*, he knighted his third ſon, Benjamin: and that an hereditary dignity might be in his family, Sir Benjamin, was advanced to the title of baronet, two years after. He married Amphilis, daughter of Richard Weſton, Eſq; one of the juſtices of the common-pleas, and had four ſons, Sir Richard, his ſucceſſor

(*a*) Ex inform. Dom. Hen. Tichborne, Bar. (*b*) Philpot's cat. of knights, p. 78.

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ſucceſſor in title and eſtate, hereafter mentioned; Sir Walter, and Sir Benjamin, and Sir Henry, all three knights; and three daughters; and departed this life, 1621, and was buried with his anceſtors, in a chapel, on the north iſle of the church of Tichborne.

He was a gentleman of great honour, and of an excellent repute in his country; who having, on all occaſions, ſhew'd himſelf a true patriot thereof, both as a magiſtrate, and in the parliament, being elected thereto in 35 Eliz. as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Southampton. In his private capacity, he was a moſt tender huſband, indulgent father, and a kind maſter, and of ſuch an admirable frame of temper, that made all eaſy about him. His eldeſt ſon, in filial duty, erected a noble monument to his memory, ſhewing his effigies, in armour, and his lady by him, in full proportion, lying under an alcove, between two pillars ſupporting a foliag'd corniſh, ſummeted with the quarter'd arms of Tichborne, with creſt, mantling, ſupporters, and motto; and on the ſide of the tomb, are four ſons in armour, with three daughters, in the dreſs of the times, kneeling, and in a praying poſture, with this inſcription, (under the enarching) which gives ſome farther account of him:

> Anno Domini 1621: Erected and dedicated to the Memory of Sir Benjamin Tichborne, Knt. and Bart. and of Dame Amphilis, his Wife, Daughter of Richard Weſton, of Roxwell, in the County of Eſſex, Eſq; one of the Juſtices of the honourable Court of Common-pleas: who, having lived together with inviolate affection, by the ſpace of 49 Years, had iſſue four Sons, Richard, Walter, Benjamin, Knts. and Henry, Captine of the Lifforde, in Ireland; and three Daughters, Elizabeth, Anne, and Amphillis. After he had fulfill'd the number of his Days, in the Favour and Grace of his Prince; being a Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to the moſt illuſtrious Monarch, James, King of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland; and having, with Loyalty to his Sovereign, and Integrity to his Country, bourne and performed all the Offices of Dignity in this County, hath here choſen, together with his beloved Wife, to ſleep with his Fathers in this Chapel, founded by his Aunceſtor, Sir Roger Tichborne, Knt. in the time of Henry I. where they expect the bleſſed Reſurrection of their Bodies; and in the Merits and Mercy of Jeſus Chriſt, our alone Saviour, to be Partaker of that comfortable Invitation, *Come, ye Bleſſed, and receive the Kingdom prepared for you,* Eccles. Chap. xii. ver. 13. A good Life hath the Days number'd, but a good Name endureth for ever.

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Of his daughters, Elizabeth, married Robert Garth, and after his deceaſe, William Owen, Eſqrs. Anne, wedded firſt, William Brock, Eſq; and ſecondly, Sir William Timperly, Knt. and Amphilis, his youngeſt daughter, eſpouſed William Gratwick, Eſq;

Sir Walter, his ſecond ſon, knighted at Whitehall, the 16th of Nov. 1604, acquir'd a ſeat and eſtate at Alderſhot, in com. Southampton, in right of Mary, his wife, daughter and coheir to Robert White, of Alderſhot, in Hants, Eſq; (by the daughter of —— Foſter, the heir of Bradley, of the county of Derby) ſon of Sir John White, lord-mayor of London. And from this Sir Walter, deſcended James Tichborne, of Frimley, in com. Surr. and of Alderſhot, aforeſaid, Eſq; likewiſe, by a ſecond ſon of the ſaid Sir Walter, deſcended Sir Benjamin Tichborne, of Rickmonſworth, in com. Hertf. Knt.

Sir Benjamin, his third ſon, knighted at Tichborne, 29 Aug. 1618, and elected for Petersfield, in two parliaments, in the reign of King Charles I. died without iſſue.

Sir Henry Tichborne, his fourth ſon, diſtinguiſh'd himſelf by many brave actions, and an unſhaken love to his country, in which reſpect, I ſhall diſtinctly treat of him and his deſcendants, before we proceed to the elder branch. This Sir Henry, born in the year 1581, (24 Eliz.) having a martial ſpirit, was, from his youth, train'd up in military diſcipline in Ireland, and the Low-country wars, and acquiring the reputation of an experienc'd officer, and a brave ſoldier, he was, by King James I. preferr'd to the command of an independant company of foot, in Ireland, and conſtituted captain and governor of the caſtle of Lifford. After which, his majeſty conferr'd on him the honour *(a)* of knighthood, at his (late) father's ſeat, at Tichborne, the 29 Aug. 1623. He was colonel of a regiment of foot, at the breaking out [the 3d of Oct. 1641] of the horrid rebellion and cruel maſſacre of the proteſtants in Ireland; and being then eſteem'd the beſt officer in that kingdom, was appointed, with his own regiment of 1000 men, Sir Thomas Lucas's, and Sir Adam Loftus's troops of horſe, to ſecure the town of Drogheda *(b)*, and to be governor thereof: which town, ſituate on both ſides the river Boyn, about three miles diſtant from the ſea, was become the rebels chief aim; and of ſuch importance, that, next to Dublin *(c)*, it was the chief care of the ſtate to preſerve; and, with Cork and Carrickfergus, were the only places the proteſtants could then keep in that kingdom.

Sir Henry Tichborne, arrived at Drogheda *(d)* with his forces, the 4th of November, 1641; but was ſo coldly received by the popiſh inhabitants, that he waited in the ſtreets from two o'clock till

(a) Philpot's cat. of knights, p. 87. *(b)* Cox's hiſt. of Ireland, vol. II. p. 78.
(c) Ibid. p. 87. *(d)* Ibid. p. 89, 90, 91, 92.

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till nine, before he could get a lodging, and then was forc'd to take one by his own authority. He found the town without bulwark, rampire, or any other fortification, than an ordinary ditch, and an old wall: yet, by a diligent application in repairing those defects, he sustain'd a siege of three months, against the whole power of the rebels, (who, with 14000 men, sat down before the place in three weeks after he came) notwithstanding he had many traitors within the town, who plotted to deliver it up; as also, his garrison pinch'd with the hardships of famine, to the degree of eating horses, dogs, and cats. He shew'd in these extremities, a peculiar constancy of mind, an uncommon intrepidity, and excellent conduct. In one skirmish, wherein 2000 Irish (having notice from some of the townsmen) had surpriz'd just without the gates, 350 foot, and two troops of horse, and put them in great confusion (by means of a fog, and so loud a shout, as proclaim'd their number to be very great) were yet, by the valiant deportment of the governor, who presently came to their assistance, put into such order, that charging the rebels briskly, they retreated, with the loss of two hundred men, and were pursu'd for a mile. And, at another time, when, with the assistance of their popish friends, the rebels had made a breach in the wall, in an obscure place, whereby, at four o' clock in the morning, 500 of them had march'd so far into the town, that thinking it their own, they made a great shout; Sir Henry Tichborne, with only his pistols in his hands, ran down stairs, was the first that caus'd a drum to beat, and having got some soldiers about him, and the lord Moor, coming in seasonably with some horse, those rebels were put to flight, with the slaughter of above two hundred of them, and some of their best officers. These advantages, and other successful sallies, so dispirited the enemy, that at length they drew off with great loss, before the earl of Ormond (who intended the raising the siege) march'd out of Dublin.

Sir Henry, being afterwards reinforc'd, defeated the rebels in several encounters, and forc'd those of the pale into Ulster; in consideration of which services, he was sworn of the privy-council; and on the 12th of May, 1642 *(a)*, one of the lords-justices of Ireland, in the room of Sir William Parsons; for which alteration, no reproach could be fasten'd on the king, as my lord Clarendon asserts, '*Sir Harry Tichborne, being a man of so excellent a fame (b), that tho' the parliament was heartily angry at the removal of the other, and knew this would never be brought to serve their turn, yet they had nothing to object against him.*'

He continued one of the two lords-justices, 'till the marquis of Ormond, was sworn lord-lieutenant; and during his administration, (which was two years) endeavour'd, by all ways, to support and

(*a*) Cox's history, p. 127. (*b*) History of the rebellion, 8vo. vol. III. p. 164.

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and relieve the diſtreſſed proteſtants, with ſuch zeal and diſintereſtedneſs, that he preſerv'd the good opinions both of the king and parliament; for when the royal cauſe was quite ruin'd, and the marquis of Ormond, had ſurrender'd Dublin to the parliament-forces, and their commiſſioners had reduc'd ſome regiments, they yet kept Sir Henry Tichborne in pay, as alſo continu'd him in his government of Drogheda; and he, joining (*a*) their general, Jones, was a means of gaining the great victory at Dungan-hill, (that happen'd on the 18th of Auguſt, 1647) 6000 of the rebels being kill'd on the ſpot: but after the murder of King Charles I. he forſook the ſervice, and contented himſelf with living retir'd, till ſuch time as the confuſions among thoſe who had uſurp'd the government of theſe nations, had given opportunity to the well-wiſhers of the royal family to ſhew themſelves; and then he was with the moſt forward in that work, and had a chief hand in diſpoſing the kingdom of Ireland, to their early appearance for a reſtoration of the old conſtitution.

Which ſervices, his majeſty King Charles II. had ſo juſt a ſenſe of, that on the enjoyment of his crowns, he conſtituted him field-marſhal of his forces, in the kingdom of Ireland; which honourable poſt, Sir Henry, held till his death, A. D. 1667, when he was in the eighty-ſixth year of his age. He lies buried at Drogheda, with Jane, his wife, daughter of Sir Robert Newcomen, of Ireland, Bart. who liv'd with him many years, and died about the year 1664. They had five ſons, and three daughters.

Benjamin, their eldeſt ſon (*b*), a captain of horſe in the ſervice of King Charles I. was kill'd by the rebels, at Belruddery, in com. Dublin, in the twenty-firſt year of his age, unmarried; William, ſecond ſon, ſucceeded to the eſtate of his father; Richard, third ſon, was major of the horſe-guards, in Ireland, both to King Charles II. and King James II. and died unmarried, as did likewiſe Henry, fourth ſon; and Samuel, fifth ſon, died young. Of the daughters, Dorcas, married William Toxteth, of Drogheda, Eſq; a native of Lancaſhire; Amphilis, married Richard Broughton, Eſq; major of the foot-guards in Ireland, in the reign of King Charles II. younger brother of Sir Edward Broughton; and Elizabeth, eſpous'd Roger Weſt, of the Rock, in com. Wicklow, Eſq;

William Tichborne, eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir, beforementioned, reſided at Beaulieu, in com. Louth, was knighted by his majeſty King Charles II. and, by Judith, his wife, daughter and one of the coheirs of John Byſſe, Eſq; lord chief-baron of the exchequer, in Ireland, (a branch of the family of Byſſe, of Somerſetſhire,) had ſix ſons, and one daughter; Margaret, who married Stephen

(*a*) Cox's hiſtory, p. 194, 195. (*b*) Ex ſtemmate penes Robert Dale.

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Stephen Stanley, of Grange-Gorman, in com. Dublin, Eſq; father of Sir John Stanley, Bart. The ſaid Sir William Tichborne, died in the fifty-eighth year of his age, on the 12th of March, A. D. 1693, and lies buried at Drogheda: he ſerv'd his majeſty King Charles II. as major of horſe.

His ſix ſons were, 1. Henry, lord Tichborne, of Ireland; 2. Benjamin, who was killed in the thirty-ninth year of his age, at the battle of Hockſtet, in Germany, anno 1704, and, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of major Edward Gibbs, of the city of Glouceſter, left only three daughters, whereof, Judith, married, firſt, Charles, earl of Sunderland; ſecondly, Sir Robert Sutton, knight of the Bath; William, third ſon, a captain in the ſea ſervice, in the reign of King William III. was caſt away off of Plymouth, ann. 1692, in the twenty-third year of his age, unmarried; John Tichborne, fourth ſon, was a colonel of his majeſty's forces, and governor of Athlone, in Ireland; Richard, fifth ſon, was maſter of arts of Trinity-college, Dublin, and ſometime of Magdalen-college, Oxon, and died unmarried, in 1692, ætat. 21; Byſſe, youngeſt ſon, was a captain of foot, and loſt his life in the defence of Gibraltar, anno 1704.

Henry Tichborne, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir, born in the year 1663, ſucceeded his father, at Beaulieu, in com. Louth, Ireland, and, in conſideration of his ſervices on the revolution, was knighted by his majeſty King William, in anno 1694, and created a baronet of England, in the ninth year of his reign, by letters patents, bearing date the 29th of July, 1697; alſo on the acceſſion of his late majeſty King George, was advanced to the dignity of a peer of the kingdom of Ireland, by the title of baron Farrard. He was married at Cumbermere, in com. Ceſtr. 20 Julii, 1683, to Arabella, ſixth daughter of Sir Robert Cotton, of Cumbermere, Knt. and Bart. by whom he had three ſons, Henry, William, and Cotton, which laſt died young; alſo three daughters, whereof only Saliſbury, liv'd to maturity, and married William Aſton, of the county of Louth, Eſq; Henry, eldeſt ſon and heir, born the 20th of April, 1684, took to wife, Mary, daughter and ſole heir of John Fowke, of Atherdee, Eſq; and coming to England, in the year 1709, was unfortunately caſt away in the bay of Liverpool; leaving his wife with child, who was after delivered of a daughter, nam'd Elizabeth, who died young; William, ſecond ſon, married Charlotta-Amelia, ſecond daughter of Robert, late lord viſcount Moleſworth, of the kingdom of Ireland; (ſhe was one of the bed-chamber women to her late majeſty,) by whom he left no iſſue; ſo that, upon lord Farrard's death, the peerage in this family became extinct.

I now return to Sir Richard Tichborne, Bart. eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Benjamin Tichborne, Knt. and Bart. which Sir Richard,

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Richard, had the honour of knighthood conferr'd on him, at the Charter-houſe, the 11th of May, 1603; and on his father's deceaſe, ſucceeded to the title of baronet. He was ſent by King Charles I. ambaſſador to the queen of Bohemia; and when that prince was oppreſs'd by his rebellious ſubjects, he aſſiſted him to the utmoſt of his power; ſecuring *(a)* for him Wincheſter-caſtle, of which he was owner; and by his intereſt, a garriſon was brought into it, under the command of the lord Ogle, that made a brave defence, and did not ſurrender, till the king's affairs were quite ruin'd. He had two wives; his firſt lady was Ellen, another daughter and coheir of the beforementioned Robert White, of Alderſhot, Eſq; by whom he had only a daughter, Amphilis, eſpous'd to Sir Laurence Hyde, Knt. ſerjeant at law. By Suſan, his ſecond lady, daughter and coheir to William Waller, of Oldſtoke, Eſq; (of which family was, Richard Waller, of Groombridge, in Kent, Eſq; who, ſerving in the wars of France, temp. Hen. V. took priſoner, Charles, duke of Orleans, father to King Lewis XII. and kept him in England twenty-five years; in which time, he built a noble houſe at Groombridge, the ſaid duke paying for his ranſome 400000 crowns; and in memory thereof, the family bear for their creſt, the arms of Orleans, ſuſpended on a walnut-tree.) He had three ſons, and as many daughters, viz. Anne, married to Charles, ſon and heir of Sir John Taſborough, of Flixton-hall, in com. Suff. Knt. Suſan, who died unmarried; and Eliſabeth, the wife of Sir James Philips, of Stoke-Charity, in com. Southamp. Bart. Of the ſons, Richard, and John, died infants, and Sir Henry, ſucceeded to the title and eſtate.

Which Sir Henry Tichborne, Bart. took early to arms, in defence of King Charles I. and hazarded his life in ſeveral enterprizes. He was in the battle of Cheridown, in com. Southamp. *(b)* and with the lord Ogle, in Wincheſter-caſtle, wherein he behav'd with great conduct and bravery; which drew on him the malignity of the uſurpers, who ſequeſter'd his eſtate, and forc'd him to live in an obſcure condition, till the reſtoration of the royal family. His majeſty King Charles II. made him lieutenant of New-foreſt, in Hampſhire, and King James II conſtituted him lieutenant of the ordnance. He departed this life, in the year 1689; and, by Mary, his wife, daughter of William Arundel, Eſq; brother to Thomas, lord Arundel, of Wardour, had iſſue three ſons, Sir Henry-Joſeph, his ſucceſſor in title and eſtate, John, and Charles, who died young; and three daughters; Winifred, who died an infant; Lettice, who married Henry Whettenhall, of Peckham, in Kent, Eſq; and Mary, who veil'd herſelf a nun.

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Hen. Tichborne, Bar. (b) Ibid.

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Sir Henry-Joſeph Tichborne, the preſent baronet, who ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate, took to wife, in 1689, Mary, daughter of Anthony Kemp, of Slyndon, in the county of Suſſex, Eſq; and by her was the father of three ſons, Henry, Henry-John, and John, who are all deceas'd, and three daughters, Mary-Agnes, married to —— Blount, of Maple-Durham, in com. Oxon, Eſq; Frances-Cicely, to —— Doughty, of Henley, upon Thames, in the ſame county, Eſq; and Mabella, who married John Webb, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir John Webb, of Hathrop, in Gloceſterſhire, Bart. and died, Sept. 1727.

ARMS: Vaire, à Chief, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Hind's Head, couped, proper, between a pair of Wings, Gules: but Thomas, lord Tichborne's Creſt, is thus blazon'd; on a Wreath, a Cap of Maintenance, on which is, a Wing erect, Parti per feſs, as in the Arms, that is, the upper part, Or, and the lower, Vaire.

SUPPORTERS: Two Lyons guardant, Gules.

MOTTO: *Pugna pro patria.*

SEAT: At *Tichborne*, in *Hampſhire.*

49. PALMER, of Wingham, Kent.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, June 29, 1621.

THIS is a family of great antiquity; the ſurname of Palmer, *(a)* owes its riſe to that zeal for the Holy Land, which for ſome ages, was very warm in Chriſtendom; and drew many perſons of diſtinction, from divers countries, to embark in the cruſades, for carrying on the holy war. The ſoldiers, who return'd home, frequently brought a branch of Palm, of the growth of Paleſtine, and wore it as a ſacred badge and token, that they had perform'd their vows of fighting againſt the infidels; and from this, they were called Palmers, as Sir Henry Spelman, tells us. In the number of theſe warriors, were ſome of the anceſtors of this ancient and worthy family: at the head whereof, after the Engliſh military expeditions to Jeruſalem were dropped, on the death of our King Edw. I. we find *(b)*,

Ralph Palmer, poſſeſſor of a great eſtate in the county of Suſſex, in the reign of Edw. II. 1307, whoſe ſon,

John

(a) Camden's Remains in ſurnames, p. 128. (b) Ex ſtemmate penes Dom. Tho. Palmer, Bar.

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John Palmer, married a daughter of Sir John Pelham, knight of the Bath, ſheriff of Suſſex, and Surry, by whom he had,

Adam Palmer, who matched with one of the coheirs of John Sedinghouſe, and, by deed, ann. 48 Edw. III. join'd with John Stopham, in paſſing over ſome of the lands of Sedinghouſe, and by her left a ſon,

Robert Palmer, of Steyning, in Suſſex, Eſq; He married Iſabel, daughter and coheir of William Stopham, of Stopham, Eſq; in that county; and, by indenture, anno 7 Rich. II. divides his father-in-law's eſtate with John Bartlet, Eſq; who had married the other daughter. By this partition, all the lands in Angmerin, Beringham, Polyng, Ruſton, and Preſton, with part of the lands in Terring, and Goring, fell to the ſhare of Palmer, which he left to his ſon,

Robert Palmer, of Angmerin, Eſq; and from him the patrimony deſcended to his ſon and heir,

John Palmer, Eſq; who, by Joan, daughter of —— Julian, Eſq; was the father of another

John Palmer, Eſq; who conſiderably augmented the eſtate, by marrying Iſabel, ſole heireſs of Edward Bilton, Eſq; and by her had three ſons, Edward, (who was knighted) Robert, and Thomas. The youngeſt of theſe, came to be Sir Thomas Palmer, of Calais, in France, that died without iſſue. Robert, the ſecond ſon, married Beatrix, ſole heireſs of John Weſſe, and became the head of a younger branch of the family, ſeated at Parham, in Suſſex, whoſe ſecond ſon, Robert, married Mary, daughter of James, Audley, Eſq; younger brother of the lord Audley; but his eldeſt ſon was, Sir Thomas Palmer, of Parham, Knt. that had two wives; firſt, Bridget, daughter of —— Caryll, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, by whom he had only three daughters, Elizabeth, married to John Leeds, of Steyning; Mary, to Thomas Palmer, of Angmering, and Dorothy, to Henry Roberts, Eſqrs. and by his ſecond wife, Catherine, daughter of Sir Edward Stradling, of St. Donats, in Glamorganſhire, Knt. left a ſon, John; and he, by Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Verney, of Fairfield, in Somerſetſhire, Eſq; left another Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. that died in Spain, leaving, by a daughter of John Mallet, Eſq; a ſon, William Palmer, Eſq; who ſettled at Fairfield, in Somerſetſhire. The head of which family, was that worthy patriot and antiquarian, the late Thomas Palmer, of Fairfield, Eſq; member of parliament for Bridgwater, whoſe brother, Peregrine Palmer, Eſq; one of the fellows of All-Souls college, Oxford, ſucceeded him in his eſtate.

Sir Edward Palmer, Knt. the eldeſt ſon, continued on the ſucceſſion of the family, at Angmerin: he married one of the ſiſters and coheirs of Sir Richard Clement, of the Moat, in Igham,

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tam, in Kent, Knt. and by her had three ſons, born on three Sundays ſucceſſively, who all liv'd to be eminent in their generation. John, the eldeſt, had the paternal ſeat at Angmerin, and was twice ſheriff of Suſſex, and Surry, anno 25 & 35 Hen. VIII. and marrying Mary, daughter of William, lord Sandys, left Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. who, matching with Mary, daughter of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Parham, Knt. was the father of another Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. that firſt married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Parker, Knt. ſon of arch-biſhop Parker, and after her death, with a daughter of Sir Miles Sonds, Knt. but left no iſſue.

Thomas, the youngeſt of the three brothers, made his fortune at the court, under Hen. VIII. and Ed. VI. and being knighted, began to build a ſpacious houſe in the Strand, (which was afterwards enlarg'd and beautify'd by Sir William Cecil, lord Burleigh, lord high-treaſurer of England) but unfortunately taking part with John Dudley, duke of Northumberland, in favour of the lady Jane's title to the crown, by virtue of King Edward's will; he was, upon Queen Mary's acceſſion to the throne, beheaded, with the duke, upon Tower-hill, where he had the chriſtian courage and conſtancy upon the ſcaffold, to own his religion to be proteſtant *(a)*. This Sir Thomas Palmer, as ſoone as he came to the ſcaffold, tooke every man by the hand, and deſired them to pray for him, then putting off his gowne, he leaned upon the eaſt rayle, and ſayde theſe words in effect *(d)*. My maſters, (quoth he) God ſave you all: it is not unknowne unto you wherefore I come hither, which I have worthily well deſerved at God's handes, for I know it to be his divine ordinance, by this meanes, to call me to his mercy, and to teach mee to know my ſelfe, what I am, and whereunto wee are all ſubject: I thanke his mercifull goodneſſe, for hee hath cauſed mee to learne more in one little darke corner in yonder tower, than ever I learned by any travell in ſo many places as I have beene, for there, (I ſay) I have ſeene God, what he is, and how unſearchable his wondrous workes are, and how infinite his mercies bee, I have ſeen there, my ſelfe thoroughly, and what I am, nothing but a lumpe of ſinne, earth, duſt, and of all vileneſſe moſt vileſt; I have ſeene there, and know what the world is, how vaine, deceitful, tranſitory, and ſhort it is, how wicked and loathſome the workes thereof are in the ſight of God's majeſtie, how he neither regardeth the menaces of the proud men and mighty ones, neither deſpiſeth the humbleneſſe of the poore and lowly, which are in the ſame world. Finally, I have ſeen there what death is, how neer hanging over every

(*a*) This Sir Thomas Palmer, was impriſoned, with Edward, duke of Somerſet, lord protector, 5 Edw. VI. as an accomplice, yet he ruin'd the duke, his evidence being the chief againſt him; for Sir Thomas, being brought by the duke of Northumberland, privately, to King Edward VI. related the whole conſpiracy. See the duke of Somerſet's tryal, in State tryals, fo. vol. VII. p. 15. (*b*) Stow's Chronicle, p. 615, 616.

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every man's head, and yet how uncertaine the time, and how unknowne to all men, and how little it is to be feared; and ſhould I fear death? or be ſad therefore? have I not ſeen two die before mine eyes? No, neither the ſprinkling of the blood, or the ſhedding thereof, nor the bloody axe itſelfe, ſhall make me afraid; and now taking my leave to the ſame, I pray you all to pray for mee: come on, good fellow (quoth he) art thou he that muſt do the deed? I forgive thee with all my heart, and then kneeling down, laying his head on the blocke, ſaid, I will ſee how meete the blocke is for my necke; I pray thee ſtrike not yet, for I have a few prayers to ſay, and that done, ſtrike, on God's name, good leave have thou; his prayers ended, and deſiring each man to pray for him, he layd downe his head againe, and ſo the executioner tooke it from him at one ſtroke.

The ſecond of the three brothers, was advanc'd likewiſe to the honour of knighthood, and came to be,

Sir Henry Palmer, of Wingham, in Kent, Knt. which eſtate he came poſſeſſed of, ſoon after the ſuppreſſion of the monaſteries *(a)*, and where his family continued for many years. This gentleman follow'd the camp, and made ſome addition to his paternal fortune by the ſword. He was maſter of the ordnance, at Guiſnes, in Picardy; and in 30 Hen. VIII. *(b)* was conſtituted ſuperviſor and warden of the foreſt of Guiſnes, during life; and the year following *(c)* had a grant of the office of bailiff, or ſteward, of the county of Guiſnes, during life. In 36 Henry VIII. he *(d)* was at the taking of Bullogne, had his arm broke when he was old, in a rencounter with the French *(e)*; and when their forces, under the conduct of the duke of Guiſe, firſt made themſelves maſters of the important fortreſs of Calais, at the latter end of the reign of Philip and Mary, and then, with their victorious army, ſat down before Guiſnes, this brave man, (whoſe motto was, *Vie pour mon prince)* in the noble defence thereof loſt his life, at above ſeventy years of age; and that caſtle quickly follow'd the fate of Calais; both which places had been above two hundred years in the poſſeſſion of the Engliſh. He *(f)* married Jane, daughter of Sir Richard Windebank, of Guiſnes, Knt. and by her left three ſons, Thomas, Arnold, and Edward.

Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, eldeſt ſon and heir, was *(g)* knighted by the earl of Eſſex, for his valour at the taking and ſacking of Cadiz, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet 19 Jac. I. He married Margaret, daughter of Edmund Poley, of Badly, in Suffolk, Eſq; and by her he was the father of ſix ſons,

(a) Philpot, ſays, King Edw. VI. in the ſeventh year of his reign, granted the college in Wingham, to Sir Henry Palmer; ſee his ſecond errata. *(b)* Bill. Sign. 25 Feb. 30 Hen. VIII. *(c)* Ibid. 31 Hen. VIII. *(d)* Rymer's Fœd. tom. XV. p. 54. *(e)* Ex item. præd. *(f)* MS. a Wood's in Muſeo Aſhmol. Not. F. 3. *(g)* Camden's annals of Queen Eliz. in anno 1596.

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(three of which were dignify'd with knighthood, Sir Thomas, Sir Roger, and Sir James,) and five daughters; three ſons and three daughters died young: Margaret, the youngeſt of the ſurviving daughters, became the wife of Richard Amhurſt, of Bayhall, in Kent, Eſq; ſerjeant at law; and Jane, the elder, was firſt married to Sir William Meredith, Knt. treaſurer and paymaſter, in the reigns of Queen Elizabeth, and King James I. of their majeſties armies, and cautionary towns, Brill, and Fluſhing, with all other their garriſons in the Low-countries; and, after his death, ſhe married John, lord Vaughan, earl of Carbury, who had no iſſue by her: to her firſt huſband, ſhe brought Sir William Meredith, Bart. anceſtor to the late Sir Roger Meredith, of Leeds-abby, in Kent, Bart. and two daughters; Anne, married to Francis, lord Cottington, chancellor of the exchequer, and maſter of the court of wards, under King Charles I. and commiſſion'd by King Charles II. in his exile, to be lord high-treaſurer of England; and Jane, married to Sir Peter Wyche, ambaſſador to the grand ſeignior, to whom ſhe brought, Sir Peter, and Sir Cycil Wyche, and a daughter, Jane, married to Sir John Greenvill, created earl of Bath: of the ſons, Sir Roger Palmer, the ſecond, was knight of the Bath; and having been cup-bearer to the two princes of Wales, Henry, and Charles, was firſt made maſter of the houſhold, and cofferer to King Charles I. He married Catherine, daughter of Sir Thomas Porter, of Glouceſterſhire, Knt. relict of Sir Ralph Welſh, Knt. but died without iſſue, leaving his eſtate to the deſcendants of his two brothers; the younger of which, was

Sir James Palmer, Knt. of the bed-chamber to King James I. and gentleman of the privy-chamber to King Charles I. and chancellor of the moſt noble order of the garter; who had two wives; by his firſt wife, Martha, daughter of Sir William Garrard, of Dorney, in Bucks, Knt. left Sir Philip Palmer, of Dorney, aforeſaid, Knt. cup-bearer to King Charles II. who married Phebe, daughter of Sir Henry Palmer, of Howleech, in Kent, Knt. vice-admiral of the narrow ſeas, under King Charles I. and had by her four ſons, Roger, Henry, Philip, and Charles. Roger Palmer, of Dorney, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, match'd with Anne, daughter and heir of Henry Ferrers, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, that died infants. Henry, the ſecond ſon, died unmarried. Philip, the third ſon, married Catherine, daughter of Sir George Southcote, Bart. relict of James Palmer, Eſq; brother to Roger, earl of Caſtlemain, and died without iſſue. 4. Charles Palmer, of Dorney-court, Eſq; heir to his brothers, who married Jane, daughter of John Jenyngs, of Hayes, in Middleſex, Eſq; and died, Auguſt 8th, 1714, leaving iſſue two ſons (a), 1. Sir Charles Palmer, Bart. hereafter mentioned; 2. Philip, who

(a) Ex Infor. Dom. Car. Palmer, Bar.

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who married Jane, daughter of Mr. Thompſon, of Ludgate-hill, mercer; alſo one daughter, Phebe, married to Richard Harcourt, of Wigſell, in Suſſex, Eſq; Sir James Palmer, Knt. aforemention'd, married to his ſecond lady, Catherine, relict of Sir Robert Vaughan, of Lloydwrd, in com. Montgomery, Knt. and daughter of Sir William Herbert, knight of the Bath, created earl of Powis, (and lady Eleanor Peircy, his wife, daughter of Henry, earl of Northumberland,) and was father of Roger Palmer, earl of Caſtlemain, in Ireland, who was ſent by King James II. ambaſſador extraordinary to Rome, who married Barbara Villiers, ſole daughter and heir of the lord viſcount grandiſon; ſhe was created by King Charles II. baroneſs of Nonſuch, counteſs of Southampton, and dutcheſs of Cleaveland; ſhe died at Chelſea, in Middleſex, October 9, 1709, and he, in North-Wales, 1705, without iſſue.

Sir Thomas Palmer, Bart. the father of the beforementioned ſons and daughters, lies buried in Wingham church, where, on a handſome monument, is the following inſcription:

'To the Memory of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Knt. and Bart. and of Dame Margaret, his Wife, Daughter of John Poley, of Badly, Eſq; of that ancient Family, in the County of Suffolk. This Place was the Seat of his Inheritance, but not of his Deſcent, being lineally extracted from the Houſe of Angmering, in the County of Suſſex. God crown'd him with the Bleſſing of a long and proſperous Life, and augmented it with the Comfort of a virtuous and pious Wife, with whoſe beloved Society he was enriched 62 Years. The Threads of their Lives were evenly ſpun: they liv'd in Concord, died in Peace; his Period was 85; her's, of 83 Years. They were beloved of their Neighbours, lamented by their Friends, honoured by their Children, and miſſed by the Poor, for whoſe ſakes they never brake up houſe in this Place for 60 Years. Thus lived they happily, and died chriſtianly; He, the 7th of January; She, the Auguſt following, Anno 1625. They had iſſue ſix Sons, and five Daughters, whereof John, Mabell, Henry, Mary, John, Frances, died young. Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. (father to Sir Thomas Palmer, Bart. now living) died before his Father, and lies here alſo interr'd. Sir Roger Palmer, Knight of the Bath, was Cupbearer to the Princes Henry, and Charles, and now Maſter of the Houſhold to King Charles. James Palmer, of the Bed-chamber to King James, of bleſſed Memory. Jane, firſt married to Sir William Meredith, Knt.

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'and after, to the Lord Vaughan. Margaret, mar-
'ried to Richard Amhurſt, Eſq; Serjeant at Law;
'theſe laſt 4, are yet living, Anno, 1627.

The eldeſt ſon of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Knt. and Bart. aforeſaid, was,

Sir Thomas Palmer, Knt. who married Margaret, daughter of Herbert Pelham, of Suſſex, Eſq; and died in the life-time of his father, leaving two ſons: Herbert, the younger, was bred a ſcholar, enter'd into holy orders, and became preſident of Queen's college, in Cambridge, but died unmarried.

Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his grandfather in dignity and eſtate; he ſuffer'd much for his loyalty to King Charles, and zeal to the church, by ſeveral ſequeſtrations of his eſtate, and impriſonments of his perſon; and died at laſt, under confinement. He married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir John Shirley, of Iſfield, in Suſſex, Knt. by whom he had ſix ſons, Sir Henry, Roger, Herbert, James, Thomas, and John: and ſix daughters; Margaret, the ſecond wife of Sir Arnold Bream, of Bredg, in Kent, Knt. Sybilla, married to John Everard, of Seabrights, in Eſſex, Eſq; and after his death, to William Mildmay, Eſq; (who bore arms in defence of King Charles I.) Elizabeth, to Samuel Argol, doctor of phyſick; Mary, wedded, firſt, to Francis Sommers, Eſq; and ſecondly, to —— Sainthill, Eſq; Anne, died young; and Eſter, married George Clayton, of London, Eſq;

Of the ſons, Roger, and James, fellow of Trinity-college, in Cambridge, with John, who travelled into France, with the lord Hollis, when he went ambaſſador from King Charles II. to the French king, died batchelors. Herbert, the third ſon, married Dorothy, one of the daughters and coheirs of John Pincheon, of Writtel, in Eſſex, Eſq; and dying in $\frac{1688}{1730}$, left by her two ſons, Sir Thomas, hereafter mentioned, and Henry, who died a batchelor, A. D. 1710, in the twenty-ſixth year of his age, belov'd and lamented by all that knew him; and two daughters, Anne, the wife of Robert Whitfield, of Chartham, in Kent, Gent. and Elizabeth, that died a maid. The fifth ſon was, Thomas Palmer, of London, Eſq; an eminent member of the company of merchants, trading to the Levant, who fin'd for ſheriff of the city. He married Lucy, daughter of James Young, of London, merchant, deſcended from an ancient family of the Youngs, of Axminſter, in Devonſhire, and died without iſſue.

The eldeſt ſon and heir, who ſucceeded his father, an. 1656, was,

Sir Henry Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. always loyal to the crown, faithful to the church, and reſpected by the county, of which he was ſheriff, in the year 1691. He married Anne, daughter of Sir William Luckin, of Waltham, in Eſſex, Bart.

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but died without iſſue, 1706, in a good old age, leaving his eſtate and dignity to his nephew, Sir Thomas, ſon of his brother Herbert.

Which Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, Bart. was elected to ſerve his country, as knight of the ſhire for Kent, in the parliament ſummoned 8 Queen Anne, and in the firſt parliament called by King George I. was choſen for Rocheſter, and was one of the commiſſioners for ſtating the debts of the army. He married, firſt, Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir Robert Marſham, of the Moat, near Maidſtone, in Kent, Knt. and Bart. and ſiſter to the firſt lord Romney, by whom he had three ſons, Henry, Thomas, and Robert, who all died young; and four daughters; 1. Margaret, who died unmarried; 2. Anne, married, firſt to the late Sir Brooke Bridges, of Godneſtone, in Kent, Bart. (by whom, ſhe was mother of the preſent Sir Brooke Bridges, Bart.) ſecondly, to the honourable Charles Fielding, Eſq; brother to the earl of Denbigh; 3. Elizabeth, who is unmarried; and 4. Mary, married to the earl of Winchelſea. Sir Thomas, married to his ſecond lady, Mrs. Cox; and to his third, Mrs. Markham, but dying, 1725, without iſſue male *(a)*, the title deſcended to Sir Charles Palmer, of Dorney-court, in Bucks, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Charles Palmer, Eſq; grandſon of Sir James Palmer, Knt. chancellor of the garter, who was the youngeſt ſon of Sir Thomas Palmer, of Wingham, in Kent. the firſt baronet of the family.

Which Sir Charles Palmer, of Dorney-court, the preſent baronet, married, June, 1729 *(b)*, Anne, daughter of Richard Harcourt, of the Inner-temple, Eſq; (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Philip Harcourt, Knt. half ſiſter to the right hon. Simon, the firſt lord viſcount Harcourt,) by whom he hath had ſeven children, three ſons, and four daughters; Charles, Harriot, and Dorothy, living, Thomas, and Harcourt, twins, and two Anne's, dead.

ARMS: Or, two Barrs, Gules, each charg'd with three Trefoils of the field, in Chief, a Greyhound, currant, Sable: Quartering *(c)*.

2. Sedinghouſe; Sable, a Feſs, Or, between three Lions rampant, Argent.

3. Stopham: Argent and Gules, Indented, four Creſcents, counter-chang'd.

4. Bilton: Argent, a Cheveron, Azure, charg'd with three Fleur-de-lis, Or.

5. Clement: Argent, two Bends, Wavy, Sable, on a Chief, Gules, three Leopards Faces, Or.

6. By Clement: Tudor Mawr, Prince of South-Wales, in the

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Car. Palmer, Bar. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid.

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the time of William Rufus: Gules, a Lion rampant, within a Border, indented, Or.

7. Alſo by Clement; Shamburgh, Paly of ſix, Or and Azure, on a Feſs, Gules, three Mullets, Or.

8. The paternal Coat, as the firſt.

CREST: A Demi-Panther, rampant, iſſuing Flames out of his Mouth and Ears, holding a Palm-branch, all proper.

MOTTO: *Palma virtuti.*

SEAT: At *Dorney-Court*, near *Windſor*, in *Bucks.*

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50. RIVERS, of Chafford, Kent.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, July 19, 1621.

OF this name of Rivers, anciently written Ripariis, and Riveriis, have been many eminent perſons, in former ages. Richard de Ripariis, by his wife, Maud, daughter of Sir Richard Lucy, had a ſon, Richard, a noble baron, in the reign of King John, (and by deſcent from his mother, was lord of Angue, in Eſſex,) whoſe grandſon and heir, John de Rivers, was ſummoned among the barons, from 25 Edw. I. (1298) to 9 Edw. II. Nicholas de la Rivers, was ſummon'd in 22 Edw. I. A. D. 1295, to appear with horſe and arms.

From this Nicholas, 'tis probable thoſe we are to treat of, are deſcended. But,

Mr. Philpot, (Somerſet herald) derives this family from the Rivers, of River-hill, in Hampſhire, whoſe coat-armour was, azure, two Bars Dauncette, Or, in chief three Bezants, and to theſe arms, the Roſes and Swans, now born in the third and fourth quarterings, were granted by King Edward IV. to Sir Bartholomew Rivers, Knt. in teſtimony of his good and faithful ſervices.

The firſt we find mentioned in a pedigree of this family, is, Richard Rivers, father of Thomas, whoſe ſon, John, was father of Richard Rivers, living, temp. Edw. IV. and had a ſon William, father of Edward, who had two ſons; 1. Richard, of Penſhurſt, in Kent, and 2. Sir John Rivers, of Chafford, in Kent, Knt. lord-mayor of London, 15 Eliz. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir George Barnes, Knt. lord-mayor of London, and had ſeveral ſons, and daughters.

Sir George Rivers, Knt. his eldeſt ſon, was member of parliament for Eaſt-Grinſted, in Suſſex, 39 Eliz. and married Frances, daughter and coheir of William Bowyer, of Suſſex, Eſq; by whom

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he had three ſons; 1. John; 2. George Rivers, of Hadlow, in Kent, Eſq; from whom, colonel Rivers, late coroner of London, and Middleſex, deſcended. 3. William, citizen of London, who, by Elizabeth, daughter of the reverend Mr. Thomas Cobbet, of London, left iſſue,

John Rivers, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. and by Dorothy, his wife, daughter and heir of Thomas Potter, of Well-ſtreet, in Weſterham-pariſh, in Kent, Eſq; had iſſue four ſons; 1. James; 2. John, who died iſſueleſs; 3. George, who married the daughter of —— Barrington, but had no iſſue; 4. Nizell, of Oakham, near Lewes, in Suſſex, who married the widow of —— Culpepper, Eſq; and died without iſſue: Sir John, had alſo three daughters; Elizabeth, married to John Baker, of Mayfield, and Dorothy, to William Newton, of Southover, both in Suſſex, Eſqrs. and Cicely, to Sir Robert Goodwin, of Fairleigh, near Eaſt-Grinſted, in the ſame county, Knt.

James Rivers, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, married Charity, daughter of Sir John Shirley, of Iſfield, in Suſſex, Knt. by whom he had four ſons, and eight daughters; 1. Sir Thomas, ſucceſſor to his grandfather; 2. Sir John, ſucceſſor to his brother; 3. James, who died iſſueleſs; and another ſon who died young: of his daughters, Elizabeth, married —— Bodenham; Charity, to John Eldred, of Saxham, in Suffolk; another, to —— Hambden; another to —— Bridger, of Wellſtreet, in Weſterham, in Kent, Eſqrs. This James Rivers, Eſq; lies buried in the church of St. Bartholomew the Great, in Smithfield, over whom was the following inſcription *(a)*:

> Here lieth the Body of James Rivers, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir John Rivers, of Chaford, in the County of Kent, Bart. who married Charity, Daughter of Sir John Shurley, of Isfield, in the County of Suſſex, Knt. and had iſſue four Sons and eight Daughters, who died June 8th, 1641.
>
> Within this hollow Vault, here reſts the Frame
> Of that high Soul, which late inform'd the ſame
> Torn from the Service of that ſtate, in's Prime,
> By a Diſeaſe, malignant as the Time;
> Whoſe Life and Death deſign'd no other end,
> Than to ſerve God, his Country, and his Friend.
> Who (when Ambition, Tyranny, and Pride,
> Conquer'd the Age) conquer'd himſelf, and dy'd.

Sir Thomas Rivers, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to his grandfather, dying unmarried, was ſucceeded in title and eſtate, by his next brother,

Sir

(a) Maitland's Hiſt. of London, 379.

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Sir John Rivers, Bart. who married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Hewet, of Piſhiobury, in com. Hertf. Bart. and ſiſter to the lord viſcount Hewet, by whom he had four ſons; 1. Sir George, his ſucceſſor; 2. John, who died iſſueleſs; 3. Thomas Rivers, LL D. prebendary of Wincheſter, and rector of Eaſton, in Hampſhire, who married Mary *(a)*, daughter of Richard Holbroooke, of the Iſle of Wight, Gent. and died Sept. 8, 1731, and lies buried in Wincheſter cathedral: leaving three ſons; Sir John, of whom hereafter; Peter, and James, who are unmarried; and had one daughter, Anne, who died young; 4. Colonel James Rivers, of Collumbine's regiment, who died before Barcelona, having render'd himſelf famous at that ſiege, as well as at the ſiege of Gibraltar; but left no iſſue: Sir John, had alſo two daughters, Margaret, and Anne.

Sir George Rivers, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to his father, married Dorothea, daughter of Sir William Beverſham, of Holbrooke-hall, in Suffolk, Knt. one of the maſters of the high court of chancery; by whom he had four ſons and ſeven daughters; of which, Beverſham, died unmarried, at the age of twenty-three; George, married Iſabella, daughter of Philip Packer, of Groombridge, in Kent, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue; Thomas, and William, both died infants: of the daughters, Dorothea, married Thomas Goodall, of Duke-ſtreet, St. James's, Eſq; Anne, is unmarried; Philadelphia, married George Baker, of Mayfield-place, in Suſſex, Eſq; Henrietta-Maria, is unmarried; Charlotte, died, aged twelve; Margaret, married John Groombridge, of Tunbridge, Gent. and Elizabeth, died young. Sir George Rivers, Bart. leaving no iſſue male, was ſucceeded by his nephew, Sir John, eldeſt ſon of his brother, Dr. Rivers *(b)*.

Which Sir John Rivers, the preſent baronet, is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Azure, two Barrs, dancettè, Or, in Chief, three Bezants; quartering as an augmentation, Azure, on a Feſs, engrail'd, between three Swans, Argent, a Bar, Gules, charged with three Roſes of the ſecond.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Bull at gaze, Argent, Horns, Hoofs, and point of the Tail, Or, charged with a Collar and Chain of the ſame.

MOTTO: *Secus rivos aquarum*, or *Dilexi decorem*.

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Rivers, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

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51. SIDLEY, of Great-Chart, Kent.

(Sir ISAAC, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, Sept. 24, 1621.

THIS family was anciently ſeated near Romney-marſh, in Kent (*a*), where there are lands that ſtill bear their name; they afterwards, temp. Edw. III. built a manſion-houſe at Scadbery, in Southfleet, in the ſame county; 'In this manſion, ſays 'Philpot, in his *Villare Cantianum* (*b*), is a room, whoſe ſides are 'covered with wainſcot, and on one of the plates, or pains, which 'appears to be exceeding ancient, the arms of Sidley, are carved in 'emboſs'd-work, viz. a Feſs, wavee, between three Goats Heads, 'eraſed; and theſe letters underneath, W. & S. with the year of 'our lord affixed, in figures, whoſe date commences from 1337; 'and altho' the ſtructure of this houſe, hath, like a ſnail, ſhifted 'its ancient ſhell, yet in all its mutations and viciſſitudes, which 'muſt certainly have very much diſordered the fabrick, when it 'was caſt into a new mold and frame, and ravelled, and diſcom-'poſed the materials, yet this panel of wainſcot, hath been, like a 'relique, religiouſly preſerved, to juſtify, not only the antiquity 'of the ſeat, but of the family of Sydley, alſo; which is preſumed 'to have been reſident at this place, before the above mentioned 'calculation.'

John Sidley, of Southfleet, Eſq; was auditor of the exchequer. He married three wives; firſt, Elizabeth, daughter and coheir to Roger Jenkes, of London, by whom he had no iſſue; ſecondly, Elizabeth, daughter to John Cotton, of Hampſall-Ridware, in com. Stafford, Eſq; by whom he had, William, and Dorothy, a nun, at Dartford. His third wife was, Agnes, daughter and heir to John Wyborne, of Hakewell, in Kent, Eſq; who died iſſueleſs.

William Sidley, of Southfleet, Eſq; ſon and heir, was high ſheriff of the county, 1 Edw. VI. 1597. He had iſſue by his wife, Anne, daughter and heir to Roger Grove, of London, three ſons; firſt, Sir John Sidley, of Southfleet, (father of Sir William Sidley, of Southfleet, and Alesford, who was dignified with the title of baronet, by King James I. which, for want of legitimate iſſue-male, expired with his deſcendant, Sir Charles, whoſe only daughter, Catherine, was created counteſs of Dorcheſter, by King James II. who married David, late earl of Portmore, and was mother of the preſent earl of Portmore.) Robert, ſecond ſon of William, married Elizabeth, daughter to George Darrell, of Cale-

(*a*) Philpot's Vill. Cant. p. 330. (*b*) Idd.

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Calehill, in Kent, Esq; Nicholas, the third son, married Jane, daughter and heir of Edward Isaack, Esq; and had issue, Sir Isaac Sidley, of Great-Chart, who, having been knighted, was afterwards advanced to the degree of a baronet, by King James I. in the nineteenth of his reign.

Which Sir Isaac Sidley, Bart. married ——, daughter and heir to —— Holditch, of Ranworth, and Foulden, in Norfolk, Esq; and left issue, Sir John, and two daughters,——married to Robert Houghton, of Shelton, in Norfolk, Esq; and Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Wiseman, of Riven-hall, in Essex, Knt.

Sir John Sidley, Bart. his son and successor, was of St. Cleres, (having sold Ranworth, and Foulden,) which he purchased of Robert Moulton, Esq; who, says Philpot (*a*), hath upon the old foundation, erected that magnificent pile, which, for grandeur, elegance, and majestick aspect it carries to publick view, surrenders a priority but to few structures in this county. He had issue by ——, two sons; Sir Isaac, and Sir John, (both baronets,) and two daughters; Elizabeth, married to John Gilborne, Gent. and ——, to—— Vane, Esq;

Sir Isaac Sidley, Bart. eldest son and successor to his father, had issue by his first wife, one daughter, (married first, to Sir Charles Houghton, of Kent, Knt. surviving him, she married to her second husband, Sir George Prettyman, of Lodington, in Leicestershire, Bart. of Nova Scotia.) He married to his second lady, Cecily, daughter to ——Marsh, Esq; (she married to her second husband, Leonard Peckham, of Yaldham, in Kent, Esq;) by whom he had issue,

Sir Charles Sidley, Bart. his only son, who succeeded to the title, and died unmarried. He was buried at Ightham, Oct. 1702, whereupon the title came to his uncle,

Sir John Sidley, Bart. who married Mary, daughter to —— Nichols, of Keirising, in Kent, (she died 1701,) by whom he had one son, Sir George, his successor, and two daughters, Mary, married to George Tomlyn, of St. Cleres, and Frances.

Sir George Sidley, Bart. successor to his father, was seated near Lewes, in Sussex: he had issue three sons, and one daughter.

Sir George Sidley, Bart. the eldest son and successor to his father, died unmarried, and was succeeded in the title by his next brother,

Sir Charles Sidley, the present baronet.

ARMS: Azure, a Fess, Wavy, between three Goats Heads, eras'd, Argent, attir'd Or.

CREST: Out of a Ducal Coronet, Or, a Goat's Head, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Deo, patriæ, tibi.*

52.

(*a*) Villare cantium, p. 141.

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52. HEWET, of Headley-Hall, Yorkſhire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, October 11, 1621.

THE family of Hewet, is of ancient extraction (*a*), of which was, Robert Hewet, Eſq; who poſſeſſed a conſiderable eſtate, at Killamarch, in Derbyſhire, in the reign of Hen. VIII. (*b*) He left two ſons, Robert, who died without iſſue, and William, who ſucceeded his father, and died 1599, aged ſeventy-ſeven, and lies buried in St. Paul's cathedral, London, with this inſcription over him (*c*):

Memoriæ S.

Gulielmo Hewit, Armigero
Roberti Hewit,
A Killamarch, in Agro Derbienſi,
Filio, ſecundo genito.

Qui

(*a*) There was a Sir Walter Hewet, who made a conſiderable figure in Edward IIId's wars, in France; vide Barnes's Edw. III. p. 652, and other places. (*b*) Of this family was, Sir William Hewet, lord-mayor of London, 1559, but whether brother to this Robert, is not certain; of this Sir William, we find the following remarkable hiſtory in Stow's Survey of London, vol. II. b. 5. p. 133. 'Sir William Hewet, clothworker, mayor, '1559, ſon to Edmund Hewet, of Wales, in Yorkſhire. He died the 6th of February, '1566. His wife was the daughter of Leveſon, of Kent.

'This mayor was a merchant poſſeſt of a great eſtate, valued at 6000 l. per ann. and 'was ſaid to have had three ſons, and one daughter; to which daughter this miſchance 'happened; (the father then living upon London bridge.) The maid playing with her, 'out of a window over the river Thames, by chance dropt her in, almoſt beyond expecta-'tion of being ſaved. A young gentleman named Oſborne, then apprentice to Sir Wil-'liam, the father, (which Oſborne, was one of the anceſtors of the duke of Leeds, in a 'direct line,) at this calamitous accident, immediately leap'd in bravely, and ſaved the 'child. In memory of which deliverance, and in gratitude, her father afterwards be-'ſtowed her in marriage on the ſaid Mr. Oſborne, with a very great dowry. Whereof 'the late eſtate of Sir Thomas Fanſhaw, in the pariſh of Barkin, in Eſſex, was a part; 'as the late duke of Leeds, himſelf, told the reverend Mr. John Hewyt, from whom I 'have this relation; and together with that eſtate in Eſſex, ſeveral other lands in the 'pariſhes of Harthil, and Wales, in Yorkſhire, now in the poſſeſſion of the ſaid moſt noble 'family. All this from the old duke's own mouth, to the ſaid Mr. Hewyt.

'Alſo, that ſeveral perſons of quality courted the ſaid young lady; and particularly, 'the earl of Shrewsbury. But Sir William, was pleaſed to ſay, Osborne, ſaved her, and 'Osborne, ſhould enjoy her. The late duke of Leeds, and the preſent family, preſerve the 'picture of the ſaid Sir William, in his habit of lord-mayor, at Kiveton-houſe, in Yorke-'ſhire, to this day, valuing it at 200 l.'

(*c*) Stow's Survey of London, vol. I. b. 3. p. 162.

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Qui mortuo Fratre, Natu majore,
Paternam crevit hæreditatem,
Posterisque transmittit:
Nobilem Mercaturam exercuit.
Vita integerrima fuit, & moribus suaviſſimis.
Bonarum literarum ſtudia promovit. Egenorum proventus largiter auxit.
Liberalitate,
Charitate,
Inſignis,
Nec minor Pietate,
Religionem, cum Miniſtris ſacris, &
coluit & fovit.
Ita per omnia ſe ubique geſſit, ut
Probitatis,
Comitatis,
Candoris
Vivum exemplar.
Chriſtum Redemptorem cogitans,
Vitam ante mortem conſummaverit.

Filios genuit quatuor,

Joannem,
Salomonem,
Thomam,
Gulielmum.

Et Filias duas,

Mariam,
Elizabetham.

Annum LXXVII. agens
xii. Jun. cIↃ. Dcxcix. ad patriam
cœleſtem evocatus,
Magnum ſui deſiderium reliquit
Poſteris,
Qui hoc piè ac mœren.
P. P.

He left four ſons; John, Solomon, Thomas, and William; from the three laſt are deſcended the families of Hewet, of Piſhiobury, in Hertfordſhire, (of which was, Sir Thomas Hewet, created a baronet, 19 July, 1660, and afterwards an Iriſh viſcount,) the Hewets, of Shire-Oakes, in Nottinghamſhire, both now extinct; and the Hewets, of Stretton, in Leiceſterſhire.

John,

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John, the eldeſt ſon, ſurvived his father but three years, dying in 1602. He left iſſue by his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Robert Hampſon, Knt. alderman of London, anceſtor to the preſent Sir George Hampſon, Bart. (who was afterwards wife to Sir Gilbert Wakering, and Sir Robert Bevile, of Cheſterton, in com. Hunt. knight of the Bath, ſucceſſively,) one ſon, John, and a daughter, Catherine, who, in 1617, was given in marriage, with an ample dowry, to George Byng, of Wrotham, in the county of Kent, Eſq; great grandfather to Pattee, the preſent lord viſcount Torrington.

John, who ſucceeded his father, was created a baronet, 19 Jac. I. and having married Catherine, daughter of Sir Robert Bevile, ſen. knight of the Bath, (who died 1636,) and ſiſter and coheir of Sir Robert Bevile, of Cheſterton, in Huntingdonſhire, jun. knight of the honourable order of the Bath, in the reign of King James I. (who died 1640,) by her had two ſons, Sir John, his ſucceſſor, and Robert, and five daughters, viz. Elizabeth; Catherine, married to Robert Cheek, of Purgo, in Eſſex, Eſq; Frances, Anne, and Grace, wife of Sir Thomas Brograve, of Hamels, in Hertfordſhire, Bart. Sir John, died 1657, after he had ſeated his family at Wareſly, in Huntingdonſhire; and by his ſufferings in the troubleſome times, rendered himſelf remarkable for his loyalty.

Sir John, his eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded him, and married Frances, daughter of Sir Toby Tyrrell, of Thornton, in Bucks, Bart. (ſurviving him, ſhe afterwards married Philip Cotton, of Connington, in com. Cantab. Eſq; grandſon of Sir Robert Cotton, founder of the library,) by whom he had a numerous offspring, viz. eleven ſons; 1. Sir John, his ſucceſſor; 2. Tyrrell, rector of Scotter, in Lincolnſhire, who married, but died without iſſue; 3. Robert, who died unmarried; 4. Thomas, who died young; 5. Benjamin, who died unmarried; 6. Charles; 7. William, of St. Neots, who left iſſue three ſons, Sir William, hereafter mentioned, Tyrrell, who married a daughter of Mr. Robert Gedding, of the poſt-office, and hath one daughter, and Thomas, who is unmarried; 8. James, blown up at ſea, being a lieutenant in the Carliſle man of war; 9. Thomas, M. D. who married Mrs. Pinkney, and left a ſon, Thomas, of Clare-hall, a clergyman, who is living, and unmarried; and a daughter, Anne; 10. Toby, and 11. Benjamin: alſo ſeven daughters; 1. Heſter, married to Ulyſſes Blount, Eſq; ſeventh ſon of Sir Henry Blount, of Titenhanger, in com. Hertf. Knt. 2. Frances, married to Henry Scrope, of St. Neots, in com. Hunt. Eſq; but had no iſſue; 3. Theodora; 4. Edith, married to William Dove, of Upton, in com. Northton, Eſq; (mother of Henry Dove, now of Upton, Eſq;) 5. Catherine; 6. Arabella, and 7. Elizabeth, married to —— Broke, of Nacton, in Suffolk, Eſq; mother of Philip Broke, of Nacton, Eſq; mem-

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ber in the last parliament but one, for Ipswich. Sir John, dying Sept. 30, 1684, was succeeded in honour and estate by,

Sir John Hewet, Bart. his eldest son, high sheriff of Cambridge, and Huntingdonshires, 2 Jac. II. who first married Anne, daughter of Francis Stokes, of Tiderton, in Wilts, Esq; (son of Christopher Stokes, of Tiderton, Esq; whose wife was sister to lord-chancellor Hyde, earl of Clarendon,) by whom he had two sons, who died issueless, and two daughters; of which, Anne, the eldest, married John Hagar, of Bourn, in the county of Cambridge, Esq; and left one son, Hewet Hagar, Esq;

Sir John, married to his second wife, Eleanor, eldest daughter to the late Sir John Osborne, of Chicksands, in Bedfordshire, Bart. (grandfather of the present Sir D'Anvers Osborne, Bart.) by whom he had no issue; and dying without any issue male, was succeeded in the title by his nephew, Sir William, son of his brother, William, of St. Neots;

Which Sir William Hewet, is the present baronet, and captain of the Colchester man of war, and hath married Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Levermore, of Gosport, in Hampshire, and hath three sons, William, Levermore, and Herbert.

ARMS: Gules, a Cheveron, engrailed, between three Owls, Argent.

CREST: On a Wreath, on a stump of a Tree, proper, a Faulcon, standing, Or.

MOTTO: *Ne te quæsiveris extra.*

53. JERNEGAN, or JERNINGHAM, of Cossey, Norfolk.

(HENRY, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, October 16, 1621.

OF this ancient family, the following account, which is very different from all the pedigrees which I have seen (*a*), is certainly fact, as the records here quoted, prove.

The ancient family of the Jernegans, are seated here, ever since the grant of Queen Mary, to Sir Henry Jernegan, Knt. her vice-chamberlain (*b*), and are a younger branch of the Jernegans, of Somerley-town, in the island of Lothingland, in Suffolk, but that eldest branch being extinct, this became the eldest surviving branch, and so continues.

Weever,

(*a*) Mr. Blomfield's description of Norfolk, vol. I. p. 658, & seq. from which, this account is chiefly taken. (*b*) Spelman's Icenia, fo. 157.

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Weever, ſo. 770, tells us, this family hath been of exemplary note, before the conqueſt, and adds this account, extracted out of the Jernegan's pedigree:

'Anno M.xxx. Canute, King of Denmarke, and of England, 'after his returne from Rome, brought diverſe captaines and ſoul-'diers from Denmarke, whereof the greateſt part were chriſtened 'here in England, and began to ſettle themſelves here; of whom, 'Jernegan, or Jernengham, and Jennihingho, now Jennings, 'were of the moſt eſteeme with Canute, who gave unto the ſaid 'Jerningham, certain royalties, and at a parliament held at Ox-'ford, the ſaid King Canute, did give unto the ſaid Jerningham, 'certaine mannors in Norfolke, and to Jennings, certaine man-'nors, lying upon the ſea-ſide, near Horwich, in Suffolke, in 'regard of their former ſervices done to his father, Swenus, 'king of Denmarke.'

That the above note may be in the pedigree of the family, I can't contradict, nor yet the truth of it, tho' I muſt own *(a)*, there are many things which ſeem to invalidate it. The pedigree, as commonly received, I ſhall take no notice of, but give you one extracted from authentic records *(b)*, as they now remain among Mr. Le Neve's collections.

That Jernegan, was anciently a chriſtian name, as the former note obſerves, is very true, as numerous records prove: in 1195, there was a fine levied of lands in Edricheſton, in Warwickſhire, between Reginald de Claverdon, and Gernegan, his brother, and about this time, 'twas a common name in France, as we find from Lobmeau, in his hiſtory of Britain *(c)*, where Jernegon de Pontchaſteau, and ſome others of the name, are mentioned, but none of theſe were of this family.

The firſt that I meet with of this family *(d)*, was called,

1. Hugh, without any other addition, whoſe ſon was named,

2. Jernegan, and was always called, Jernegan Fitz-Hugh, or the ſon of Hugh; he is mention'd in the Caſtle-acre regiſter, ſo. 63, b. as a witneſs to a deed without date, by which, Brian, ſon of Scolland, confirmed the church of Melſombi, to the monks of Caſtle-acre, and died about 1182. He married Sibill, who, in 1183, paid 100l. of her gift, into the exchequer *(e)*, after her huſband's death; his ſon was called,

3. Hugh, or Hubert, ſon of *(f)* Jernegan, *(g)* who gave a large ſum of money to King Henry II. and paid it into the treaſury, in 1182; he was witneſs to a deed in 1195, by which divers lands were granted to Byland-Abby, in Yorkſhire *(h)*; he

(a) Blomfield, præd. *(b)* Ibid. *(c)* Vol. I. p. 105. *(d)* Blomfield, Ibid. *(e)* Rot. pip. 30 Hen. II. *(f)* He firſt ſettled the ſurname of Jerneran. *(g)* Mag. Rot. 29 Hen. II. Madox Hiſtory of the exchequer, p. 190. *(h)* Regr. Abbatiæ Byland pen. P. L. N. ſo. 102.

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married Maud, daughter and coheir of Thorpine, ſon of Robert de Watheby *(a)*, of Weſtmorland, he is mentioned by the name of Hubert de Jernegan, in the black book of the exchequer, publiſhed by Mr. Herne, at Oxford, 1728 [vol. I. p. 301.] as one of the Suffolk knights, that held of the honour of Eye. *(b)* In 1201, he paid King John, 20l. fine, for three knights fees and an half, which laid in Yorkſhire, and were held of the honour of Brittany, and died in *(c)* 1203, and the king granted the wardſhip of all his large poſſeſſions, and the marriage of his wife and children, to Robert de Veteri Ponte, or Vipount, ſo that he married them without diſparagement to their fortunes.

4. Sir Hubert Jernegan *(d)*, of Horham, in Suffolk, Knt. his ſon, ſucceeded, who had been a rebel againſt King John; but on the acceſſion of Henry III. *(e)* to the crown, ſubmitted himſelf, and obtained his pardon; but it ſeems, he had not recovered all his eſtates, in 1219, for in that year, Gilbert de Gant, gave to Robert Marmion, junior, the wardſhip of the land, late *(f)* Hugh Jernegan's, in Hundemaneby *(g)*, and in 1240, Margery, late wife of Hubert, ſued Hugh Jernegan, her ſon, for lands in Stonham-Jernegan, in Suffolk, ſo that Sir Hubert, died in 1239.

5. Sir William Jernegan, ſon and heir of Hubert, married Julian, daughter and coheir of Gymingham, of Burnham, and Hugh de Polſted, married Hawiſe, the other coheir, and levied a fine of all the Gymingham's eſtate, in Burnham *(h)*, in 10 of King John. He died without iſſue, and was ſucceeded by,

6. Sir Hugh Jernegan, his youngeſt brother, Godfrey, and Robert, being dead, who, in 1243, came to an agreement with his mother, Margery, and ſettled on her, in lieu of the dower of Sir Hubert, her late huſband, during her life, the capital meſſuage of the manor of Horham, with the park, windmill, and demean lands, and the ſervices and rents of Horham manor, with houſebote, heybote, and pannage, and in conſideration of this ſettlement, Margery, releaſed all her right in dower, in two carucates of land, and a meſſuage in *(i)* Stonham-Jernegan, in Suffolk, and in all his other eſtates in Norfolk, and *(k)* Suffolk. In 1244, he was witneſs to the deed *(l)* of Henry, duke of Lovain, made to the monks of Eye; Elizabeth, his wife, is mentioned in the aſſize-rolls. In 1249 *(m)*, he had lands in Hillington, and Congham, in Norfolk, and lived to be very old, for, in 1269, he held of

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(a) By whom came Wathe manor, in North-Cove, in Suffolk. *(b)* Rot. pip. paſch. 3 Joh. R t 16. in dorſo. in the tally-ccurt, in the exchequer. *(c)* Cart. 5 John. M. 11. *(d)* His capital ſeat was at the manor of Horham. *(e)* Clauſ. 1 Hen. III. part. 2. M. 1. *(f)* Coiar. in Scio. 4 Hen. III. *(g)* Plita. Jur. & Aſſis. coram Will. de Ebor. apud Bucks. 25 Hen. III. R. 9. *(h)* Fines Norff. 10 Joh. *(i)* He made Stonham-Jernegan, the capital ſeat of the family. *(k)* Fines com. Suff. Hen. III. l. 5. inter Num. 10 & 11. *(l)* Regr. Eye, fo. 52. *(m)* Fines 52 Hen. III. N. 65.

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of Roger (a), ſon of Peter Fitz-Oubourn, or Oſbern, diverſe lands in Stovene, and Bugges, for which he did homage, to Roger, ſon of the ſaid Peter, in the preſence of Sir Walter de Rediſham, Knt. Sir William, rector of Hillington, &c. He married, for his ſecond wife, Ela, or Ellen, daughter and coheir (b) of Sir Thomas de Ingaldeſthorp, Knt. who ſurvived him: after the death of his mother, he ſettled,

7. Sir Walter Jernegan, his ſon, in the manor of Horham, upon his marriage with (c) Iſabel, daughter, and at length heir of Sir Peter Fitz-Oſbert, or Oſborne, of Somerley-town, in Suffolk, Knt. (relict of Sir Henry Walpole (d), of Houghton, in Norfolk, Knt.) who it ſeems, died before him, leaving,

8. Sir Peter Jernegan, his ſon, who became heir to his father and grandfather, and alſo coheir to the Fitz-Oſbert's eſtate, in right of his mother; for that eſtate, on the death of Sir Peter Fitz-Oſbert, of Somerley-town, his grandfather, went to (e) Sir Roger Fitz-Oſbert, her brother, who died without iſſue, leaving it to Catherine, his wife, for life, who died in 1220, and then the Fitz-Oſbert's eſtate came to Iſabel, widow of Walter Jernegan, Sir Peter's mother, as ſiſter of the ſaid Roger Fitz-Oſbert, and to John Noion, ſon and heir of Alice Fitz-Oſbert, the other ſiſter of the ſaid Iſabel, and on a diviſion made, Somerleton, was ſettled on Sir Peter Jernegan, ſon of the ſaid Iſabel, who came hither, leaving Horham, and Stonham-Jernegan (f), and Somerleton became the capital ſeat of the Jernegan family: the Fitz-Oſberts, had the manors of Somerleton, Uggeſhall, &c. in Suffolk, Hadeſton, Witlingham, &c. in Norfolk. This Sir Peter, was ſub-eſcheator of Suffolk, anno 1283 (g), held Stonham, and Horham, of the honour of Eye, in 1299; in 1334, he ſold Uggeſhall manor and advowſon, to Sir Edmund de Soterlee, Knt. and Witlingham, and Hadeſton, in 1342, he being then above ſeventy years old, and it appears from Eye regiſter, fo. 98, b. that he firſt married Alice, daughter of Hugh Germayn, and Baſil, his wife, by whom he had no iſſue. The pedigree ſays, he married a daughter of Sir——Harling, of Eaſt-Harling, in Norfolk, Knt.

(a) Cartular. inter evid. Dom. Joh. Playters, Bar. (b) Gules, a Croſs ingrailed, Argent, the firſt quartering of Jernegan, Plita. Jur. & Aſſis. apud Chelmesford, diverſ. com. 57 Hen. III. rot. 3 in dorſo. (c) Gules, three Barrs, Gemels, Or, a Canton, Argent, the ſecond quartering of Jernegan. (d) This Sir Henry de Walpol, married Iſabel, daughter of Sir Peter Fitz-Oſbert, and heir to her brother, Sir Roger Fitz-Oſbert, ſummon'd to parliament among the barons of the realm, 22 Edw. I. which Iſabel, ſurviving the ſaid Sir Henry, was married, ſecondly, to Sir Walter Jernegan, by which match the lordſhip of Somerly, with other lands, (as Camden obſerves) devolv'd on the Jernegans, after the death of Sir Roger Fitz-Oſbert; ſhe deceaſed, about 4 Ed. II. and held a third part of the manor of Houton, in dower, as appears by a charter of that date, wherein ſhe is ſtiled, the lady Iſabella Gernegayn, late wife of Sir Henry Walpol, Knt. father of Sir Henry Walpol, Knt. then living. Collins's peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 469. (e) Inquiſ. poſt mort. Rogeri filii Petri Fitz-Oſbert, 34 Ed. I. (f) Somerleton was made the capital ſeat. (g) Regr. ab Bury, voc. Kemp. fo. 98.

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for his ſecond wife, which ſeems true, by the quarterings of the Jernegan's, as they were to be ſeen in Horham church, anno 1663, being put up by Sir John Jernegan, who married Iſabel, daughter and heireſs of Sir Jervace Clifton: 1. Jernegan, 2. Inglethorp. 3. Fitz-Oſbourn. 4. Harling. 5. Mortimer, 6. Gonvile; theſe two are Harlings quarterings. 7. Kelvedon, or Keldon. 8. Clifton. And for his third wife, Ellen, daughter of Sir Robert Huntingfield, of Huntingfield, in Suffolk, Knt. which manor ſhe brought to the family, and died S. P. He was ſucceeded by,

9. Sir John Jernegan, ſenior, his ſon and heir, who inherited the other moiety of the Fitz-Oſbert's eſtate, at the death of Sir John Noion, Knt. whoſe heir he was; he married Jane, daughter and coheir of Sir William de Kelvedon *(a)*, (relict of —— Lowdham,) *(b)* who was jointly ſeized of all his manors of Somerleton, Wathe, Horham, &c. at the time of his death, which happened on the Thurſday before the feaſt of the annunciation in 1375.

10. In 1374 *(c)*, John Jernegan, junior, his ſon and heir, married Margaret, daughter of Sir Thomas Viſe de Lou, Knt. and had Thomas, and Humfry, buried at Somerley-town, 1446 *(d)*, and their father then ſettled the advowſon of Stonham-Jernegan, and Horham, on them and their heirs.

11. Sir Thomas Jernegan *(e)*, their ſon and heir, inherited, and in 1406, had a charter for free-warren, in Somerleton, Flixton, Ilketiſhall, and Wathe, in Suffolk, and Hadeſton, Bunwell, &c. in Norfolk, he married *(f)* Joan, daughter of William Appleyard, of Dunſton, in Norfolk *(g)*, and had,

12. John Jernegan, ſenior, Eſq; who married Agnes, daughter of Sir John Darell, of Kent, Knt. who died before him, and was

(a) The Jernegans quarter this. *(b)* Eſc. 28 Ed. I. N. 44. *(c)* Eſc. 25 Ed. III. N. 52. 50 Ed. III. N. 26. Suffolk and Norfolk. *(d)* Weever's fun. mon. p. 784. *(e)* Fines Suff. 40 Ed. III. *(f)* Pat. 8 Hen. IV. Part. 2. M. 16. *(g)* This Sir Thomas, and his wife, lie buried under an altar-tomb, now ſtanding at the north-eaſt corner of Somerleton chancel. Jernegan's arms, ſtill remain at the weſt end, and on the ſouth ſide, Jernegan impales, Appleyard, Azure, a Chevron, Or, between three Owles, Argent, on the Cheveron, a Mullet. They glazed the chancel, and their arms ſtill remain on the windows. The inſcriptions are loſt. Weever, p. 769. quoting Camden's remains, p. 229, tells us, there was anciently a knight of this family buried here, croſs-legg'd, with this on his grave-ſtone;

Jeſus Chriſt, both God and Man,
Save thy ſervant, Jernegan.

He ſays, he takes it to be for Sir Richard Jernegan, who was of the privy-chamber to Henry VIII. or elſe for Sir Robert Jernegan, who was knighted by Charles Brandon, duke of Suffolk, at the ſurrender of Mount-de-Dier, in France. But I can't be of his opinion, but rather think it was for this Thomas; the other two, tho' they might be deſcended from this family, had nothing to do here, and lived too late for this inſcription, neither doth their relation appear. 1521, Richard Jernyngham, Miles, unus militum pro corpore regis, erectus ad officium unius Camerariorum Scaccarii pro termino vitæ, 13 Hen. VIII. He never was concern'd in this town, nor yet with his family.

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was buried in St. Mary's chapel, in the priory of St. Olaves, at Heringfleet, in Suffolk, (now called St. Tooley's bridge.) This John, settled Horham, on John Jernegan, junior, his son and heir, on his marriage with Isabel, daughter of Sir Jervace Clifton, in 1459; when he left Somerleton to his son, and went and settled at Cove, by Beccles, where he lived, in 1465; and in 1473, *(a)* made his will, and died 1474; his will was proved, 9 Dec. 1474, by the name of John Jernegan, senior, of Little-Wirlingham, in Suff. Esq; in which, he ordered his body to be buried by his wife, in the aforesaid chapel, where his progenitors were entombed; he gave Little-Wirlingham manor, which he lately purchased of William Cove, to his son, Osbert, for life, and his manor of Wattle, or Wad-hall, in North-Cove; and to John, his eldest son, the manors and advowsons of Somerleton, Stonham-Jernegan, Horham, and Bradwell, and the foundation (*i. e.* advowson,) of the house of St. Olave, besides gifts to his three daughters, at his death, that were nuns, viz. Anne, at Brusyerd, in Suffolk; Thomasine, at Denny, in Cambridgeshire, and Barbara, at Campsey, in Suffolk; he had also another daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Denton.

13. John Jernegan, Esq; his son, succeeded, and died *(b)* in 1503, seized of the aforenamed manors and advowsons, leaving, by Isabel, his wife, beforementioned, daughter of Sir Gervase Clifton, Knt.

14. Edward Jernegan, Esq; his son and heir, who was afterwards knighted, he had two wives, first *(c)*, Margaret, daughter of Sir Edmund Bedingfield, of Oxborough, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had, Sir John Jernegan, of Somerley-town, in Suffolk, Knt. who married, first, Bridget, daughter of Sir Robert Drury, of Hawsted, in Suffolk, Knt. from whom the Jernegans, of Somerley-town, in Suffolk, descended. And for his second wife *(d)*, Mary, daughter of Richard, lord Scroop, of Bolton, in Yorkshire, and *(e)* coheir to Stephen, her brother, (who survived him, and remarried to *(f)* Sir William Kingston, knight of the noble or-

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(a) Fines 38 Hen. VI. Suff. *(b)* RegisterGilbert, fo. 34. a. *(c)* She is buried in Somerleton chancel, the brass is now lost, but Mr. Weaver, fo. 784, hath the inscription, which was this;

> Margaret Jernegan, the Wyef of Edward Jernegan, Esquyer, Doughter of Sir Edward Bedingfelde, Knight which Margaret, dyed the xxiiii of Marche, in Anno M. D. IIII, [quære, if not 1511.]

The arms of Jernegan, impaling Bedingfield, remain, but her effigies is gone.
(d) In 1547, Mary Kingston, widow, died seized of the hundreds of Lothingland, and Mutford, and Lowistoft, and Mutford manors. Inquis. 5 Nov. 2 Ed. VI. *(e)* Her father, Eleanor, married Sir John Windham, of Crownthorp, Knt. who quarters Scroop. *(f)* Sir William Kingston, knight of the noble order of the garter, gave his son, Anthony Kingston, six great bowls of silver, &c. and to his son-in-law, Sir Henry Jernegan, 20 l. and a gown of black satten, furred with sables, which the king gave him; to his son-in-law, Edmund Jernegan, 20 l. to his brother, George Kingston, towards the marriage of his

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der of the garter,) by whom he had Sir Henry Jernegan, of Huntingfield, Knt. the founder of the Coſſey family; Edmund, who died Feb. 9, 1546, and Edward, born after his father's deceaſe; Frances, who died S. P. and Elizabeth, maid of honour to Queen Mary: Sir Edward, died Jan. 6, 1515, ſeized of the manors of Horham, Newton, Corton, Stonham-Jernegan, Somerleton, Wathe, Loweſtofft, Eaſt, Weſt, North, and South Lete, in Gorleſton, Mutford, Aſkeby, &c. and is ſaid to be buried in Somerleton chancel, by his wife.

15. Sir Henry Jernegan, or *(a)* Jerningham, of Huntingfield, in Suffolk, eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Edward, by his ſecond wife, was a great favourite of Queen Mary I. being the firſt that appeared openly for her, after the death of Edward VI. *(b)* being with her at Kenninghall-place, or caſtle; and continued her truſty friend, for which ſervices ſhe made him vice-chamberlain, and maſter of her houſhold, and in 1547 *(c)*, the ſaid queen, and King Philip, her huſband, gave him this manor of Coſſey, with the whole park, and deer therein, with all its members, rights, privileges, and appurtenances, in Coſſey, Erlham, Bowthorp, Eaſton, Colton, Merlingford, Baber, Eſton, Honingham, Thorp, &c. in the ſaid county, to be held by him and his heirs, in capite, by knights ſervice; from which time it hath paſſed in a lineal deſcent, in this ancient family: he married Mary, daughter of Sir George Baynham, of Cloriwell, in com. Glouceſt. Knt. (by—— daughter and heir of Sir Anthony Kingſton, Knt.) and had iſſue, Henry, William, and two daughters, Jeronyma, married to *(d)* Charles Waldegrave, of Stanning-hall, in Norfolk, Eſq; (anceſtor to the preſent earl of Waldegrave,) and Margaret *(e)*, wife of Sir Thomas Southwell, of Riſing, in Norfolk, Knt. he died in 1571, leaving,

The lady Jernegan, his wife, the eſtate for life, who, this year was found to be poſſeſſed of it, in 1572.

16. Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, Eſq; their ſon and heir, was lord of Coſſey, Veales, Sileham, Wingfield, and Loweſtoft manors, in Suffolk; he married two wives, 1. Eleanor, daughter of William, lord Dacres, of Gilleſland, (and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of George Talbot, earl of Shrewſbury, and Anne, his wife, daughter of William, lord Haſtings, chamberlain to Edward IV.) by whom he had, 1. Henry; 2. William; 3. George, married

his daughters, 4 l. to his ſon, Anthony, his manors of Clopton, and Ruſhe, in Berks, which he purchaſed of Leonard Rede, Eſq; to Mary, his wife, &c. the will was proved in 1541, July 5, Regr. Alynger, in cur. Prerog. Cant. fo. 33.

(a) It ſeems as if Sir Henry, varied the ſpelling of the name, that his family might be diſtinguiſhed from the Somerly Jernegans. Blomfield's Norfolk. *(b)* Stow, p. 610. *(c)* Rot. Pat. 1, 2 P. & M. *(d)* Collins's peerage, vol. III. p. 767, and others: tho' Mr. Blomfield, in Jernegan's pedigree, makes her grandaughter of this Sir Henry, which is not very likely, for ſhe was, according to Collins, mother of Sir Edward Waldegrave, knighted, July 19, 1607. *(e)* Le Neve's MSS. penes T. W.

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married to Eleanor, daughter of Sir George Philpot, of Hampſhire, Knt. 4. Thomas, who died S. P. and 5. Edward; and a daughter, Anne *(a)*, married to John, ſon and heir of Sir John Arundell, of Lanherne, in Cornwall, Knt. His ſecond wife was, Frances, daughter of Sir John Jernegan, of Somerletown, Knt. widow of Thomas Bedingfield, of Oxbro', Eſq; in 1602, he had an act paſſed to ſell certain lands in Norfolk, and Suffolk, and died June 15, 1619, and was buried in St. Margaret's church, Weſtminſter.

17. Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, Eſq; his eldeſt ſon, was created a baronet, 16 Octob. 1621: he married Eleanor, daughter of Thomas Throckmorton, of Coughton, in Warwickſhire, Eſq; by whom he had three ſons, 1. John; 2. William, who had two wives, firſt, the relict of Lee; and ſecondly, the relict of Young. I *(b)* ſuppoſe he was knighted, for he is often called, Sir William; 3. Thomas, who, I *(c)* ſuppoſe, was knighted alſo, for I meet with him, called Sir Thomas; the ſaid Henry, had alſo two daughters, Anne, who died ſingle, and Catherine, married to Francis Saunders, of Shankſton, in Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; and died 5 Sept. 1646.

18. John Jerningham, or Jernegan, Eſq; the eldeſt ſon, died in his father's life-time, in 1619, he married Anne, daughter of Sir Francis Moore, of Fawley, in com. Berks, Bart. and left two ſons, Sir Henry, ſucceſſor to his grandfather, and Francis, married to Phillippa, daughter of —— Crambleton, of Newthom, in com. Ebor. Eſq;

19. Sir Henry Jerningham, or Jernegan, Bart. ſucceſſor to his grandfather in title and eſtate, married *(d)* Mary, daughter of Benedict Hall, of High-Meadow, in Glouceſterſhire, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, Sir Francis, his ſucceſſor, and Benedict, who died at Paris, unmarried, in 1668; and one daughter.

20. Sir Francis Jerningham, or Jernegan, of Coſſey, Bart. who was lord in 1693, married Anne, daughter of Sir George Blount, of Sodington, in Worceſterſhire, Bart. by whom he had ſix ſons; 1. Sir John, his ſucceſſor; 2. Sir George; 3. Charles, M. D. who married the hon. Mrs. Elizabeth Roper, daughter of Philip, late lord Teynham; ſhe died Nov. 14, 1736, S. P. 4. Henry, who married Mary, daughter to Nicholas Jonquet L'Epine, of London, merchant, and hath iſſue five ſons, and three daughters,

Francis,

(a) Le Neve's MSS. penes T. W. *(b)* Mr. Blomfield's Norfolk, in Jernegan's pedigree. *(c)* Ibid. *(d)* In Bookham church, in Surry, Le Neve's monumenta ejuſd. anni, vol. II. p. 19.

Here lyeth Mary Jernegan, wife of Henry Jernegan, of Coſſey, in the county of Norfolke, Bart. daughter of Benedict Hall, of High-Meadowe, in the county of Glouceſter, Eſq; who died the 30th of April, A° Dni. 1653, leaving him two ſons, and one daughter.

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Francis, Henry, Charles, Nicholas, Hugh, Mary, Elizabeth, and Edwardina, all in their minority; 5. Francis, died unmarried, Nov. 20, 1739. 6. Edward, who married Elizabeth, daughter of John Keighly, of Gray's-Inn, Eſq; and hath iſſue, a ſon, George, and one daughter, both young: Sir Francis, left alſo two daughters, Anne, and Mary, both unmarried: he died, Aug. 20, 1730, and his lady, Feb. 13, 1735, by whom he left,

21. Sir John Jerningham, or Jernegan, Bart. his eldeſt ſon, who ſucceeded him, and married Margaret, daughter of Sir Henry Bedingfield, of Oxboro', Bart. ſiſter to the preſent Sir Henry Bedingfield, Bart. (who is now living,) but on the death of Sir John, without iſſue, June 14, 1737, Coſſey, &c. went to his brother,

22. Sir George Jerningham (*a*), the preſent baronet, who married Mary, daughter of Francis Plowden, of Plowden, in Worceſterſhire, Eſq; (by Mary, his wife, ſiſter to the late earl of Stafford,) by whom he hath three ſons, John, William, and Edward, all in their minority.

ARMS: Argent, three arming Buckles, Gules.
CREST: A Faulcon, iſſuing from an imperial Crown, proper.
MOTTO: *Virtus baſis vitæ.*
SEAT: At *Coſſey-hall*, in *Norfolk.*

54. PHILIPPS, of Picton-Caſtle, Pembrokeſhire.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Nov. 9, 1621.

THIS family (*b*), which is of great antiquity in South-Wales, is lineally deſcended from,

1. Cadifor ap Colhoyn, of Blaenkych, lord of Dyfed, or Pembrokeſhire, who, on account of his large eſtate, was called Cadifor-Vawr, or, the Great. He was of the ſame tribe with Vortigern, king of Britain, and paternally deſcended from Maximus, king of Britain, and emperor of Rome. He married Hellen, daughter and ſole heir to Llwch Llawen Vawr, a lord of South-Wales, by whom he had three ſons, among whom he divided his lordſhips and poſſeſſions: to Bledri, ſurnamed Latimer, his eldeſt, he gave Kylſant, Guidigada, Trayan Elgoed, Kaſtlecoch, in Penrhyn, Llandilo Kantref yw, Manner Gayng, Coed Ralph, and Stackpoole, in Pembrokeſhire, with much other lands, and died, anno Dom. 1084, and was buried in the priory of Carmarthen.

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(*a*) Ex inf. Dom. Geo. Jerningham, Bar. (*b*) Ex inf. Jo. Philipps, de Kilgetty, Arm.

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2. Bledri, lord of Kylſant, married Clydwen, daughter to Gryffydh ap Cydrych, lord of Gwynvay, and by her had iſſue,

3. Rhys ap Bledri: he took to wife, Ancreta, daughter to Rhys ap Gryffydh, prince of South-Wales, commonly called lord Rhys, (who was lineally deſcended from Cadwaladar, laſt king of Britain, of the Britiſh race,) and had iſſue by her,

4. Sir Aaron ap Rhys, who attended King Richard I. into the Holy Land, anno 1190, and behaved himſelf ſo gallantly, againſt the Saracens, that he received the order of knighthood of the ſepulchre of our Saviour, and King Richard gave him for arms, a Lion rampant, Sable, in a Field, Argent, to which, Sir Aaron, added a Crown, and Chain, in token that he bound himſelf, and all his offſpring, to be for ever loyal to the crown of England, ſince which, his poſterity have always bore the ſame arms. He married Tanylwſt, daughter of Ednyfed Fychan (by Gwenllhian, daughter to Rhys ap Gryffydh, prince of South-Wales, beforementioned,) by whom he had, Gwyllim ap Aaron: Ednyfed Fychan, was lord of Krygiath, chief-juſtice, and chief counſellor to Llewhelin ap Jorwerth Drwyndyn, prince of all Wales, and was father to Gronw ap Ednyfed, paternal anceſtor to King Henry VII.

5. Gwyllym ap Aaron, of Kylſant, Eſq; married Jennet, daughter to Meyric ap Trahearn, lord of Garthmull, by whom he had,

6. Madog ap Gwyllym, Eſq; he left iſſue by his wife, Jennet, daughter of Griffith ap Ivor, of Caſtleodwin, Eſq;

7. Evan ap Madog, Eſq; who married Catherine, daughter of Sir Elidor Ddy, knight of the ſepulchre, and by her had,

8. Philip ap Evan, Eſq; he took to wife Hellen, daughter of William ap Cradog ap Henry, Eſq; and left iſſue,

9. Meredith, who was the firſt of the family that took on him the ſurname of Philipps, ſtiling himſelf, Meredith Philipps, inſtead of Meredith ap Philip: he married Gwendolena, daughter to Evan ap Gwyllym, Eſq; by whom he had,

10. Philip Philipps, of Kylſant, Eſq; who, by his wife Jennet, daughter to Jenkin Lloyd Ychan, of Pwlldyfarch, Eſq; left iſſue,

11. Sir Thomas Philipps, Knt. he left Kylſant, the ſeat of his anceſtors, and reſided at Picton-caſtle, which he had in right of his wife, Jane, daughter and heir to Henry Done, of Picton, Eſq; ſon of Owen Done, of Mudleſcombe, Eſq; by Catherine, daughter and heir of Sir John Wogan, of Picton, Knt. great-grandſon of Sir John Wogan, of Wiſton, Knt. who married Jane, daughter and heir of Sir William Picton, of Picton, Knt. (whoſe anceſtor came to Dyfed, or Pembrokeſhire, with Arnulph, of Montgomery, in the time of King William Rufus, and then had Picton-caſtle, for his partage.) Sir Thomas, had iſſue, John, and Owen, and

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and left Kylſant, to the latter, who married Jennet, daughter to Lewis-Thomas ap John, of Cwmgwylly, Eſq; and by her had David Philipps, Eſq; anceſtor to the preſent William Philipps, of Kylſant, Eſq; high ſheriff of the county of Carmarthen, anno 1739.

12. John Philipps, of Picton-caſtle, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter to Sir William Griffith, of Penryn, Knt. chamberlain of North-Wales, and by her had iſſue, William, and Morgan; William, married Jennet Perrott, and left only daughters.

13. Morgan Philipps, of Picton-caſtle, Eſq; took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter to Richard Fletcher, of Bangor, Eſq; (by Grace, daughter to James Bithell, Eſq;) and by her had,

14. Sir John Philipps, of Picton-caſtle, the firſt baronet of the family, ſo created, Nov. 9, 19 Jac. I. he married Anne, daughter and coheir to Sir John Perrot, of Haroldſton, Knt. lord-deputy of the kingdom of Ireland, and privy-counſellor to Queen Elizabeth, by whom he had iſſue, 1. Sir Richard, who ſucceeded him; 2. Hugh; 3. John, who died without iſſue; 4. Dorothy, who married Francis, viſcount Valentia, and lord Mountnorris, and had by him, Arthur, earl of Angleſey, anceſtor to the preſent earl; 5. Lettice, who married John Owen, of Trecoone, Eſq; 6. Jane, who married James Hamilton, lord of Clandeboy; 7. Elizabeth; and 8. Mary, who married John Scourfield, of New-Mote, Eſq; from whom the preſent William Scourfield, Eſq; is deſcended; 9. Olive, who married Sampſon Lort, of Stackpole, Eſq; 10. Frances, who married Sir Hugh Owen, of Orielton, Bart. and by him had Sir Hugh, father of the preſent Sir Arthur Owen, Bart. 11, 12. two other daughters. Hugh Philipps, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir John, married Anne, daughter to Roger Lort, of Stackpole, Eſq; by whom he had, Richard, who ſucceeded him, and married Frances Noel, of the Gainſborough family: he had iſſue by her, Charles, who ſucceeded him, Richard Philipps, Eſq; now major-general of his majeſty's forces, colonel of a regiment of foot, and governor of Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia, John, and Edward, both captains of foot, and the former, weigher and teller of his majeſty's mint; Dorothy, laundreſs of his majeſty's table and houſhold-linnen, and ſeveral others who are deceaſed. Charles Philipps, Eſq; married to his firſt wife, Anne, daughter of William Philipps, of Haythogg, Eſq; by whom he left iſſue, William, Martha, now the wife of captain William Shewen, and Frances, the wife of captain Daniel: his ſecond wife was, Philippa, daughter of Rowland Laugharne, of St. Bride's, Eſq; by whom he had, Theodoſia, now the widow of Thomas Skyrme, Eſq; Anne, now the wife of Samuel Smith, Gent. Rowland, (who married Martha, daughter of John Edwardes, Eſq; by

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whom he has, Rowland, Edward, Hugh, and ſeveral daughters,) and Philippa, now the wife of William Adams, Eſq; his third wife was, Mary Brown, widow, daughter of Dr. Owen, by whom he had, Mary, and Charles, both unmarried: his fourth wife was Dorothy Skyrme, widow, daughter of William Scourfield, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue. William Philipps, Eſq; ſucceeded his father, Charles, and married Albinia, daughter of the ſaid Rowland Laugharne, Eſq; by whom he left iſſue, Charles, and four daughters, Anne, Theodoſia, Mary, and Albinia. Charles Philipps, of Hill, Eſq; ſucceeded his father, William, and married Anne, daughter of Thomas Skyrme, Eſq; by Theodoſia, beforementioned, and hath iſſue William, and Anne.

15. Sir Richard Philipps, Bart. ſucceeded his father, Sir John, and garriſon'd his caſtle of Picton, for King Charles I. in the time of the civil wars; he married Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Eraſmus Dryden, of Canons-Aſhby, in the county of Northampton, Bart. by whom he had Sir Eraſmus, and one daughter, Frances, who married James Philipps, of Tregibbye, in the county of Cardigan, Eſq;

16. Sir Eraſmus Philipps, Bart. ſucceeded his father, Sir Richard, and married, firſt, lady Cecily, daughter of Thomas Finch, earl of Winchelſea, by whom he had one ſon, who died young, and Anne, who married, firſt, Thomas Bowen, of Trelloyne, Eſq; (who, dying without iſſue, anno 1677, that eſtate came to the family of the Phillipps's,) and then, Thomas Heywood, of Rudbaxton, Eſq; Sir Eraſmus's ſecond lady was, Catherine, daughter and coheir of the hon. Edward Darcy, Eſq; (by lady Elizabeth, daughter to Philip Stanhope, earl of Cheſterfield,) by whom he had iſſue, 1. Edward Philipps, Eſq; who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of John Canon, of Killgetty, Eſq; but died without iſſue, 15 April, 1694, in his father's life-time; ſhe afterwards married Simon Harcourt, Eſq; but died without iſſue, Aug. 17, 1706, by which, the eſtate of Kilgetty, came to the family of the Philipps's; 2. Sir John; 3. Captain Eraſmus Philipps, who was killed in the engagement at Bantry Bay; and was unmarried; 4. William, who died young; 5. Elizabeth, who married John Shorter, Eſq; and by him had three ſons, ſtill living, John, Eraſmus, and Arthur, and two daughters, deceaſed, Catherine, (who married Sir Robert Walpole, knight of the moſt noble order of the garter. and by him had, Robert, now lord Walpole, Edward, joint ſecretary of the treaſury, and Horatio, uſher of the exchequer,) and Charlotte, (who married Francis, late lord Conway, and by him had, Francis, now lord Conway;) 6. Arabella, who married Richard Vaughan, of Derwith, Eſq; a Welch judge, and member of parliament for the town of Carmarthen, and died without iſſue. Sir Eraſmus Philipps, was cuſtos rotulorum of the county of Pembroke, and was ſucceeded

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in that office, as well as in dignity and eſtate, 18 Jan. 1696, by his ſon,

17. Sir John Philipps, Bart. who married, Dec. 12, 1697, Mary, daughter and heir to Anthony Smith, Eſq; Eaſt-India merchant, who died Nov. 18, 1722: he had iſſue by her, three ſons, ſtill living, and three daughters, Catherine, Elizabeth, and Mary, who all died unmarried. Of this gentleman, we can't give a better account, than what appears on a handſome marble monument erected to his memory, in the pariſh church of St. Mary, in the town and county of Haverford-weſt, as follows:

'Here lye the Remains of Sir John Philipps, of Picton-caſtle, in the County of Pembroke, Bart. who departed this Life Jan. 5, 1736, at London, in the 77th Year of his age. He ſerv'd with great Reputation and Honour for the Town of Pembroke, and for this Town and County, in ſeveral Parliaments, where his conſtant Aim was to promote the Cauſe of Virtue and Religion, and the real Good of his Country. He was one of the moſt active Commiſſioners for building the fifty new Churches in and about the City of London, and a leading Member, in that Metropolis, of many charitable Societies, to which he was a very ample Benefactor. To attempt a Character of this great and good Man, ſo well known and admir'd at home, and in foreign Countries, would be an Injury to it: his good Works ſpeak eloquently for him, particularly his extenſive Liberality on all occaſions, to this Town and County, of which, at his Death, he was the oldeſt Common-Council-Man. He left iſſue, three ſons, Members alſo of our Common-Council, Sir Eraſmus Philipps, of Picton-caſtle, Bart. our Repreſentative in Parliament; John Philipps, of Killgetty, Eſq; Mayor of this Corporation; and Bulkeley Philipps, Eſq; who erected this Monument to the pious Memory of their late excellent Father.'

18. Sir Eraſmus Philipps, the preſent baronet, who ſucceeded his father in dignity and eſtate, was member in the three laſt parliaments, as he is alſo in the preſent, for the town and county of Haverford-weſt, and is as yet unmarried.

John Philipps, of Kilgetty, in com. Pemb. Eſq; barriſter at law, member in the preſent parliament for the county borough of Carmarthen, married, an. 1725, Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. Henry Shepherd, of the city of London, (by Mary, daughter of Thomas Alleſtree, of Allvaſton, in the county of Derby, Eſq;) by whom he hath iſſue, now living, Mary, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Joyce.

Bulkeley Philipps, of Abercover, in com. Carm. Eſq; married Philippa, daughter of William Adams, of the town of Pembroke, Eſq;

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ARMS: Argent, a Lion rampant, Sable, ducally gorg'd, Gules, to which is a Chain, Or.

CREST: On a Wreath of his Colours, a Lion rampant, as in the Arms.

MOTTO: *Ducit amor patriæ.*

Principal SEATS: At *Picton-Caſtle*, (a very ancient building) and *Trelloyne*, both in the county of *Pembroke*, and *Clogyfran*, in the county of *Carmarthen*; *Killgetty*, in the county of *Pembroke*, the ſeat of John Philipps, Eſq; and *Abercover*, in the county of *Carmarthen*, belongs to Bulkeley Philipps, Eſq;

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55. STEPNEY, of Prendergaſt, Pembrokeſhire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Nov. 24, 1621.

THE origin of this family is deduced, by the Engliſh genealogiſts, from Ralph Stepney, of St. Alban's, Eſq; lord of Aldenham, in com. Hertford. who was interr'd in Aldenham church, the 3d of December, 1548. He had iſſue by the daughter and heir of —— Creſſy, William Stepney, lord of Aldenham, who had iſſue, Thomas Stepney, Eſq; *(a)*. He married the daughter and heir to John Wynde, (or Wyld,) of Fromſey, in com. Huntington, Eſq; and had iſſue, Robert, and Alban.

Robert, married, and had iſſue, Pool Stepney, Eſq; who ſold the lordſhip of Aldenham, to Sir Edward Cary, Knt. father to the lord Falkland.

Alban Stepney, Eſq; ſecond ſon, was regiſter of the dioceſe of St. David's. He married, firſt, Margaret, daughter and coheir to Thomas Catharn *(a)*, of Prendergaſt, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue. He married to his ſecond wife, Mary, daughter and coheir to William Philipps, of Picton-caſtle, Eſq; by both which matches, he became poſſeſſed of a very plentiful eſtate. By the latter, he had iſſue three ſons, John; Philip, a barriſter at law, who died S. P. and Sir Thomas Stepney, Knt. who was a great courtier, and travelled into France, and other countries; he was twice married, firſt, to the daughter of —— Fiſher, of Hants, Eſq; relict of —— Wallop, of the ſame county, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue; ſecondly, to Mary, eldeſt daughter and coheir of

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(a) See Vincent's Wales, p. 548. *(b)* Le Neve ſays, Margaret, daughter and heir of —— Goddern, and that ſhe had the manor of Prendergaſt, which came to Goddern, by the daughter and coheir of Joyce; they liv'd married ſeven years, and ſhe was buried at Prendergaſt, without iſſue, MSS. Vol. II. p. 13.

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of Sir Bernard Whetſtone, of Woodford, in Eſſex, Knt. by whom he had, Bernard, and other children *(a)*; the ſaid Alban, had alſo two daughters, Dorothy, married to Sir Francis Manſell, of Muddleſcombe, Bart. and Joan, to John Philipps, of Naſh, in com. Pembroke, Eſq;

John Stepney, Eſq; ſon and heir, was of Prendergaſt, and created a baronet, the 19th of James I. He married Catherine, daughter to Sir Francis Manſell, of Muddleſcombe, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. by whom he had four ſons, 1. Sir John, his ſucceſſor; 2. Alban, who died, aged twenty-one; 3. Thomas, who married Price, daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Jones, of Albermarles, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. by whom he had Sir John, hereafter mentioned; 4. Charles, who married ———, daughter of Sir Richard Pryſe, of Gogarthan, in com. Cardigan, Bart. relict of —— Vaughan, of Lhanelthy, Eſq; by whom he had three ſons; Richard, who married the daughter of —— Tancred, and died S. P. Charles, who was paymaſter to Waller's marine regiment, and died of his wounds received at Cork, 1690, S. P. and Alban, who died at ſea, S. P. and one daughter, Jane, married to Mr. Bloyſdon, of Dreſden, in Germany: Sir John, had alſo four daughters, Jane, married to Thomas Vaughan, of Penteparke, in com. Carmarthen, Eſq; Dorothy, wife of Richard Bloome, of Aberguilly, in com. Carmarthen, Eſq; Martha, married to William Bladwell, of Swannington, in Norfolk, Eſq; and Frances.

Sir John Stepney, Bart. ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate; he married Magdalen, daughter and coheir to Sir Henry Jones, of Albermarles, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. by whom he had iſſue one daughter, Frances, his ſole heir, married to Henry Manſell, of Lanelthy, Eſq; grandfather to the preſent Sir Edward Manſell, of Trimſaran, Bart.

After the deceaſe of the laſt Sir John Stepney, Bart. without iſſue male, the dignity, and great part of the eſtate devolved to Sir John Stepney, Bart. ſon to his brother, Thomas, who alſo had married Price, another daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Jones, Bart.

Which Sir John Stepney, Bart. who ſucceeded his uncle, married Juſtina, daughter and heir to Sir Anthony Vandyke, Knt. *(b)* the celebrated limner, by whom he had iſſue, his ſon and ſucceſſor,

Sir

(a) I take it, that George Stepney, Eſq; who was envoy to ſeveral places abroad, in the reign of King William, and made a conſiderable figure in the world, was a ſon of this Sir Thomas Stepney, Knt. he lies buried in Weſtminſter-abby; ſee his inſcription, in Le Neve's monumenta Anglicana, vol. IV. p. 228. *(b)* Sir Anthony Vandike, the famous picture-drawer, whoſe children, according to his pedigree, ſtood very near to the ſucceſſion of the crown. Burnet's hiſt. of his own time, vol. I. p. 19.

Bp. Burnet, ſpeaking of Gowry's conſpiracy, ſays, (in his hiſtory of his own times, p. 18, 19.) 'One thing, which none of the hiſtorians have taken any notice of, and might have induced

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Sir Thomas Stepney, the preſent baronet, who married Margaret, ſiſter and coheir to Walter Vaughan, of Llanelthy, in com. Carm. Eſq; and has iſſue one ſon, John Stepney, Eſq; married to Eleanor, daughter and heir to John Lloyd, of Buckleithwen, in com. Carmarthen. Eſq; by whom he has iſſue, one ſon, and two daughters.

ARMS: Gules, a Feſs-Checkee, Or and Azure, between three Owls, Argent.

CREST: On a Torce, Or and Azure, a Talbott's Head, eras'd, Gules, ear'd, and holding in his Chaps a Hart's Horn, Or, about his Neck, a Collar-Checkee, Or and Azure.

SEAT: At *Prendergaſt*, near *Haverford-weſt*, in *Pembrokeſhire*.

56. WAKE, of Clevedon, Somerſetſhire.

(BALDWIN, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Dec. 5, 1621.

THE Wakes, are mentioned by Brompton, among the nobles and others, who came over with William, the conqueror. But 'tis the opinion of ſkilful antiquaries, that the Wake, mentioned in the roll of Battle-abby, was one of thoſe, who, being weary of Harold's uſurpation, fled over into Normandy, to invite the conqueror in, and came over with him.

As to the firſt riſe of the name of Wake, 'tis obſerved by Dr. Patrick, out of the regiſters of Peterborough, that Herewaldus, or

'induced the earl of Gowry, to have wiſh'd to put King James out of the way; for, 'upon the king's death, he ſtood next to the ſucceſſion to the crown of England; for, 'King Henry the ſeventh's daughter, that was married to King James IV. did, after his 'death, marry Dowglaſs, earl of Angus: but they could not agree; ſo, a precontract was 'proved againſt him, upon which, by a ſentence from Rome, the marriage was voided, 'with a clauſe in favour of the iſſue, ſince born under a marriage, *de facto*, and *bona fide*: 'lady Margaret Dowglas, was the child ſo provided for. I did peruſe the original bull, 'confirming the divorce: after that, the queen dowager married one Francis Steward, 'and had by him a ſon, called lord Methuen, by King James V. In the patent, he is 'called *Frater noſter uterinus*. He had only a daughter, who was mother, or grandmother to the earl of Gowry; ſo that by this, he might be glad to put the king out of the 'way, that ſo he might ſtand next to the ſucceſſion of the crown of England. He had a 'brother, then a child, who, when he grew up, and found he could not carry the name of 'Ruthen, which, by an act of parliament made after this conſpiracy, none might carry; 'he went and lived beyond ſea, and it was given out that he had the philoſopher's ſtone. 'He had two ſons who died without iſſue, and one daughter married to Sir Anthony 'Vandike, the famous picture-drawer.' For the trial of the earl of Gowry, and the conſpirators, ſee State-trials, fo. vol. VII.

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or Hewaldus, was surnam'd de Wake, or, le Wake, (a pregnant instance of the Saxon original of this family,) and was one of the bravest heroes of his age and country, whose memorable acts are set forth by Ingulphus. He was the last who submitted to the conqueror, who came to an agreement with him about the year 1076, by virtue whereof, he was entirely restored to his estate and honour. Part of his estate, were the lordships of Brunne, and Deeping, the last of which continu'd in this family, till the beginning of the last century.

His daughter and heir, was married to Hugh Evermut, whose grandaughter, Adelhidis, was wedded to Baldwin Fitz-Gilbert, brother to Walter, the father of Gilbert de Gant, the first earl of Lincoln, of that race. By which Baldwyn, she had a daughter, Emme, who was heir to him, and the beforementioned Herewald, and took the name of Wake, as is evident from an ancient charter of the abby of Brun. In the time of Henry I. she is mentioned to be the wife of Hugh le Wac: and 'tis agreed that she settled her name on her husband, and that she brought him the great (*a*) possessions and dignities of Herewald, &c. They left issue, Baldwyn le Wac, so called from his grandfather, (by his mother's side) Baldwyn Fitz-Gilbert.

Which Baldwyn Wake, was one of the barons at the coronation of King Richard I. and temp. Hen. III. Baldwyn Wac, was one of the chief barons in arms, against the king; but submitting, at last obtain'd his pardon. John, his son, was in the wars of Gascoigne, 26 Edw. I. and afterwards in those of Scotland, being in commission with the archbishop of York, for securing the marches. He had summons to parliament, as lord Wake, of Lydell, in Northamptonshire, from 23 to 28 Edw. I. His son, Thomas, was appointed constable of the tower of London, and justice in Eyre, of the forests, south of Trent, by Queen Isabell, in opposition to her husband, King Edward II. After whose deposal, he also had Hertford-castle committed to his government.—But in the succeeding reign, had his lands seized, on suspicion of his adherence to Edmond, earl of Kent; but acquitting himself thereof, was restored, and made governor of Guernsey, Jersey, Sark, and Alderney, and guardian of the Lincolnshire coast.—He had summons among the barons to parliament, from 22 Edw. II. to 22 Edw. III. and died soon after without issue, by his wife, the lady Blanch Plantagenet, sister to Henry, duke of

(*a*) Camden, in his Britannia, vol. I. p. 554, says, 'The possessions of Hugh Ener-'meve, lord of Deping, came (as he was inform'd) to the barons de Wake, a family, who 'being much enrich'd by the estate of the Estotevills, were very eminent in these parts, '(Lincolnshire) till Edward the second's time, but then, by an heir female, their inhe-'ritance came, in right of marriage, to Edmond, of Woodstock, earl of Kent, youngest 'son to King Edward I. From a younger branch, is descended the ancient and famous fa-'mily of the Wakes, of Bliſworth, in Northampt nshire, ſtill remaining.'

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of Lancaſter; — whereupon, the inheritance paſſed with his ſiſter and heir, Margaret, by marriage to Edmund, of Woodſtock, earl of Kent, (youngeſt ſon to King Edward I.) by whom ſhe had iſſue, Joan, (after the death of her two brothers,) counteſs of Kent, and for her beauty call'd the fair maid of Kent;—who, marrying Sir Thomas Holland, ſecond ſon of Sir Robert Holland, of Lancaſhire, one of the firſt founders of the garter, he thereupon had the titles of earl of Kent, and baron Wake, of Lydell, allowed him.—This Joan, afterwards, by marriage with Edward, the black prince, became mother of King Richard II. *(a)*

In one of the church windows, at Cheſterfield, in Derbyſhire, are the arms of Edmond Plantagenet, and Margaret Wake, abovementioned, impaled together.

Sir Hugh, younger ſon of Baldwyn, the laſt baron of that name, and brother of John, baron Wake, beforementioned, had, by gift of his ſaid father, the lordſhip of Deeping, in Lincolnſhire, and Blyſeworth, in Northamptonſhire.

This Sir Hugh, was one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Northampton, in 30 Edw. I. and 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 Edw. II. and in 34 Edw. I. one of the knights in parliament for Wilts. The ſame year he was in the Scotiſh wars; as alſo, in 4 Edw. II. and died in 9 Edw. II. leaving iſſue, by Joan, daughter and coheir of John de Wolverton,

Thomas, his ſon, who was among the knights of the county of Northampton, that were returned into chancery, 17 Edw. III. He died in 20 Edw. III. 1345, and was buried at Deeping. This Sir Thomas Wake, was the valiant ſeneſchal of Rovergne, and was with the black prince, in the battle of Najara, and gallantly maintained, for his maſter, the caſtle and city of Millaud, about a day's journey from Mompelier; and tho' all the country about it, ſoon after turn'd French, yet he maintain'd that and another fortreſs, for about a year and a half; when, being beſieg'd by a great army, and no hopes of relief, he capitulated, and march'd out with colours flying, bag and baggage. He was likewiſe ſheriff of Northamptonſhire, 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15 Edw. III. By Alice, his wife, daughter and coheir to Sir John Pateſhull, of Blethſo, in com. Bedf. Knt. one of the barons of this realm; he was father of Sir Thomas, who married Maud, daughter of Sir Thomas Pigot, Knt. and whoſe ſon, Sir Thomas, died, ſeized of Blyſeworth, 8 Rich. II. He was ſheriff of Northamptonſhire, in 2 Rich. II. His wife was, Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir John Philpot, of Kent, Knt. by whom, he was father of Sir Thomas Wake,

(a) 'The manor of Deping, in com. Lincoln, came to the crown, by the black prince's 'marrying Joan, the fair maid of Kent, who was daughter to Edmund, of Woodſtock, 'earl of Kent, and of Margaret, ſiſter and heireſs to Thomas Wake, the laſt of that line; 'it is very remarkable, that ſhe had been twice married before, and twice divorced.' Camden's Britannia, vol. I. p. 557.

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Knt. gentleman of the privy-chamber, and of the council, to King Edward IV. and much in favour with that king. He poſſeſſed divers manors in the county of Somerſet, Northamptonſhire, Kent, and Wales; and was called, the Great Wake. He was one of the knights in parliament, for Northamptonſhire, in 1, 5, and 8 Hen. V. and ſheriff thereof, 2 Hen. V. as alſo 13, 25, and 29 Hen. VI. likewiſe in 27 Hen. VI. was one of the knights for Somerſetſhire. He married Agnes, daughter and heir to Sir Thomas Lovell, Knt.

Roger Wake, of Blyſeworth, his ſon and heir, founded a free-ſchool, at Blyſeworth, was ſheriff of Northampton, in 2 Rich. III. and ſiding with that prince at the battle of Boſworth, againſt Henry, earl of Richmond, (afterwards King Henry VII.) was attainted in parliament, (with Thomas, earl of Surry, and many others, Nov. 7, 1 Hen. VII.) but afterwards obtained his pardon, and reſtitution of his lands. He died in 19 H. VII. leaving iſſue, by Elizabeth, daughter to Sir William Cateſby, of Aſhby-legers, in com. Northton, Knt four ſons, 1. Thomas, who married Iſabel, ſiſter and coheir of Sir Edward Sapcotes, of Burleigh, in com. Rutland, Knt. but his iſſue failed; 2. Richard, who continued the line; 3. William, who had lands in Carynton, in com. Bedf. by gift from his father; and 4. John Wake, of Milton, in com. Somerſet, Eſq; who left an only daughter.

Richard, ſecond ſon of Roger, who had lands by the gift of his father, at Wanſtry, in com. Somerſet, as alſo the manor of Cliſedon, with the manſion ſeat, but reſided at Hartwell, in com. Northampton, and was buried at Rhode, in that county; married Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Dive, of Bromham, in Bedfordſhire, Knt. to his firſt wife; and Margaret, daughter of Thomas Grey, marquis of Dorſet, to his ſecond. He had iſſue, ſix ſons; 1. John Wake, of Clyffedon, alſo of Hartwell; 2. William; 3. Richard; 4. Thomas, of Fenny-Stratford, in com. Bucks; 5. Robert, of London; and 6. Francis.

John, ſon and heir of Richard, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir Edward Gorges, Knt. and had iſſue five ſons; 1. John; 2. Edward; 3. Arthur; 4. Robert; and 5. William Wake, from whom was deſcended, his grace, William Wake, the late archbiſhop of Canterbury.

John Wake, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of John, aforeſaid, married Margaret, daughter and heir of Robert Goodwin, of Portbury, in com. Somerſet, Eſq; and had iſſue, Baldwin Wake, of Clevedon, in com. Somerſet, Eſq; whom King James I. in the nineteenth of his reign, thought fit to fix ſomewhat nearer to the ſtation and place of his anceſtors, by creating him a baronet.

Which Sir Baldwin Wake, married Abigal, daughter of Sir George Digby, of Coleſhill, in com. Warwick, Knt. (anceſtor to

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to the Digbys, barons of Geashill, created earl of Briſtol,) by whom he had iſſue three ſons, Sir John, his ſucceſſor, George, and Baldwin; alſo a daughter, Abigal, married to William Pitt, of Hartley-Weſtpool, in com. Southampton, Eſq; (who left a daughter, married to the lord Stawell.)

Sir John Wake, of Clevedon, Bart. raiſed a troop of horſe for King Charles I. and mortgaged his eſtate to ſerve him. He married to his firſt wife, Bridget, daughter and coheir of Henry Sandys, of Blumpton, in com. Northampton, Eſq; by whom he had
4 iſſue Sir William, and George Wake, chancellor of the dioceſe of Peterborough, who left no iſſue. His ſecond lady was, Anne, daughter and coheir of Gregory Brokeſby, of Frithby, in com. Leiceſter, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Charles, who died iſſueleſs.

Sir William Wake, Bart. ſucceſſor to his father, married Diana, daughter to Sir Drue Drury, of Riddleſworth-hall, in com. Norfolk, Bart. by whom he had eight ſons; 1. Sir John, ſucceſſor to his father; 2. William, who died unmarried; 3. Sir Baldwin, ſucceſſor to his brother; 4. Robert Wake, who was ſome time rector of Buxſtead, in the county of Suſſex, and afterwards dean of Bocking, in Eſſex: he married Elizabeth, daughter of William Greenfield, of Marlbro' in com. Wilts, Eſq; and had iſſue, 1. Robert, who died unmarried; 2. Thomas, who died at Weſtminſter-ſchool; 3. William, who is now living and unmarried; and two daughters, twins, Anne, and Elizabeth, both living, unmarried: 5. Samuel Wake-Jones, who was poſſeſſed of a fair eſtate, at Waltham-Abby, in Eſſex, by the gift of Sir Samuel Jones, and left it to his nephew, Charles Wake-Jones, Eſq; hereafter mentioned; 6. Iſaac; 7. Drury; and 8. George, who died unmarried.

Sir John Wake, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father, in Jan. $169\frac{7}{8}$, and died iſſueleſs, A. D. 1714, whereupon the dignity fell to his brother,

Sir Baldwin Wake, the preſent baronet, who married Mary, daughter of Mr. Hart, of Burford, in Oxfordſhire, and had iſſue two ſons, and two daughters.

Baldwin Wake, Eſq; eldeſt ſon, married Mary, daughter and coheir of Edward Lane, of Hanſlope, in Buckinghamſhire, Eſq; and died March 14, $173\frac{4}{5}$, and his wife, Feb. 19, $173\frac{6}{7}$, leaving one ſon, Charles, heir expectant to the title.

Charles, the younger ſon, had the eſtate of Waltham-abby, in Eſſex, left him by his uncle, Samuel Wake-Jones, Eſq; to take the name of Jones, upon him. He was high ſheriff of the county of Northampton, in 1735, and married Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter of Sir Samuel Sambroke, of Buſh-hill, in com. Middleſex, Bart. by whom he had no iſſue, and died at Courteen-hall, in North-

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hamptonſhire, March 22, 1739-40, and was interr'd at Waltham-abby, in Eſſex.

The daughters were, Diana, married the rev. Mr. Tinſley, of Chipping-Norton, in Wilts; and Mary, married to Henry Jones, Eſq; and died March 17, 172$\frac{8}{9}$.

ARMS: Or, two Barrs, Gules, in chief, three Torteauxes.
CREST: On a Wreath, a Knot, (commonly called Wake's-Knot.)
MOTTO: *Vigila, & ora.*
Ancient SEATS of the family: *Blyſeworth*, and *Courteen-hall*, in *Northamptonſhire.*

57. HOTHAM, of Scorbrough, Yorkſhire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, Jan. 4, 1621.

THE family of Hotham, is deſcended (as our genealogiſts have made out) from Sir John de Trehouſe, lord of Kilkenny, in Ireland, who ſerv'd under William the conqueror; and for his good ſervices at the battle of Haſtings, had a grant of the caſtle and manors of Colley-Weſton, in com. Northampton, and Hotham, in com. Ebor.

The fourth, in a direct deſcent from this Sir John de Trehouſe, was, Peter de Trehouſe, who, from his reſidence at Hotham, aſſumed that ſurname, which his deſcendants ever after retained.

He was living (as a deed ſhews) in 1188, 35 Henry II. and his ſon, Sir John Hothum, (as the name was anciently wrote,) by a daughter of Baldwin, lord Wake, was grandfather to Sir Peter de Hothum, and to John de Hothum, one of the moſt eminent men of the age he lived in, being in the greateſt favour with King Edward II. and King Edward III. King Edw. II. made him, firſt, his domeſtick chaplain, and after, employing him in ſeveral weighty affairs, conſtituted him biſhop of Ely, treaſurer of the exchequer, and lord-chancellor of England. And he was alſo lord-chancellor of England, in the reign of King Edw. III. Bp Godwin, in his catalogue of biſhops, ſays thus of him; 'Within the compaſſe of the ſame yeere, a chaplain of the 'king's, named John Hotham, or Hothun, ſometimes chancellour of the univerſity of Oxford, as alſo the chancellour of the 'king's exchequer, was made biſhop of Ely, and the next yeere, 'viz. 1317, chancellour of England: a man wiſe and vertuous, 'but

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'but very unlearned. Hee continued in that office two yeeres, 'and then giving it over, was made treasurer. That place also 'he resigned within a twelve-moneth, and betooke himself alto- 'gether to the government of his church. In his time, the 'steeple, in a night, fell down upon the quier, making a most 'horrible and feareful noyse. This steeple, (now called the lan- 'terne,) was in his time re-edified, the charge whereof, and 'other buildings about the church, within the space of twenty 'yeares, amounted unto the summe of 6094l. 18s. 10d. ob. q. 'Beside which summe, this bishop bestowed 2034l. 12s. 8 ob. q. 'in finishing of the presbitery, begun heretofore by Hugh Nor- 'wold, his predecessor, as a writing yet to be seen upon the north 'wall of the said presbytery, witnesseth. So that upon the verie 'fabricke and building of the church, he spent 4441l. 9s. 7d. 'ob. farthing. Besides which, this worthy benefactor gave unto 'his covent, the mannour of Holbourne, with sixe tenements be- 'longing to the same, and to his church, a chalice, and two 'crewets of pure gold, very costly wrought. Hee sate almost 'twenty yeeres, and died at Somersham, upon St. Paule's day, 'January 25, 1336, of the palsie, whereof he had lain sicke two 'yeeres. He lyeth entoombed in a monument of alabaster, that 'was sometimes a very stately and goodly building, but now 'shamefully defaced, as are also all other monuments of the 'church. It standeth east from the lesse altar, in the middle, 'but to the west end of the presbytery.'

Sir John Hotham, knight of the Bath, son and heir of Sir Peter de Hotham, (elder brother of the bishop) was, for his eminent services, summon'd to parliament, as a baron of this realm, in 8 Edw. II. as is evident from Sir William Dugdale's baronage, and other authorities *(a)*; and, by Agnes, his wife, daughter and heir of Sir John Hasleton, of Hasleton, in com. Ebor. Knt. had issue, Sir John Hotham, his son and heir, and Thomas Hotham, second son, who, by the failure of issue male of his brother, inherited the manors of Scorburgh, Wyathorp, and other lands. From which Thomas, lineally descended another Sir John Hotham, who was found one of the cousins and coheirs to Thomas de Thweng, baron of Thweng, and Kilton-castle, a barony in fee, which lies dormant betwixt the present earl of Scarborough, and the present Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. *(b)*

(*a*) Edward III. in the first year of his reign, granted the manors of Tregford, and Stony-Dunham, in com. Cest. to John, son of Peter de Hotham, cousin and heir to John, bishop of Ely, cart. 1. E. 3. m. 7. Le Neve's MSS. vol. II. p. 17. where are these entrys. Gulielmus Hotham, archiep. Dublyn. obiit 1298. See Sir James Ware's catalogue. —— Jo. Hotham, had free warren in Hotham, & Burfay, com. Ebor. & Bondeby, in com. Linc. Cart. 9. E. 2. n. 14. (*b*) See the descent of the barony of Thweng, in Yorkshire, and how it came between Scarborough and Hotham; in the proceedings, precedents, and arguments concerning baronies by writ, and other honours, fo. 395.

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From this Sir John, in a direct deſcent from ſeveral knights, who had that honour conferr'd on them for their ſervices in the wars, was, Sir John Hotham, of Scorbrough, Knt. who, by Lora, daughter of Ralph Conſtable, of Halſham, Eſq; had iſſue, John, his ſon and heir, who married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Metham, of Yorkſhire, Eſq; (who was remarried to —— Conſtable, Eſq;) and had iſſue,

Sir Francis Hotham, of Scorbrough, Knt. who married Mary, daughter of Humphry Hercy, of Grove, in com. Nott. Eſq; (and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir John Digby, of Kettilby, Knt. and —— his wife, daughter of Sir John Griffin, Knt.) and ſiſter and coheir to Sir John Hercy, Knt. her brother, by whom he had,

Sir John Hotham, Knt. who had three wives, 1. Julian, daughter of Sir Michael Stanhope, of Shelford, in com. Nott. Knt. by whom he had ſeveral children, who all died S. P. 2. Mary, daughter of Sir George Goring, of Burton, in Suſſex, Knt. by whom he had no iſſue; 3. Jane, daughter of Richard Lydyard, (quere, Legard) of Ryſome, in Holderneſs, Eſq; by whom he had, Mary, married to Richard Remington, of Lund, in com. Ebor. Eſq; Elizabeth, and Faith, who both died unmarried; alſo,

Sir John Hotham, Knt. his ſon and heir, created baronet, 19 Jac. I. who had five wives, 1. Catherine, daughter of Sir John Rodes, of Barlbrough, in com. Derb. Knt. by whom he had two ſons, Sir John Hotham, Knt. hereafter mentioned, and Richard, (who had a ſon that died S. P.) alſo two daughters, Margaret, that died an infant, and Frances, married, firſt, to John Gee, of Beverly, Eſq; and ſecondly, to Sir Philip Stapleton, of Wartre, in com. Ebor. Knt. his ſecond wife was, Anne, daughter of Ralph Rokeſby, of York, Eſq; ſecretary to the council at York, by whom he had, Charles Hotham, rector of Wigan, in Lancaſhire, (who married Elizabeth, daughter of Stephen Thompſon, of Humbleton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; and had a daughter, Mary, married to Michael Burton, of Holmesfield, in Dronfield-pariſh, in com. Derb. Eſq; and one ſon, Sir Charles, hereafter mentioned:) William, and Durant Hotham, of Lockington, in com. Ebor. Eſq; who married Frances, daughter of Richard Remington, of Lund, Eſq; by whom he had a numerons iſſue, tho' moſt of them died young. Sir John's third lady was, Frances, daughter of John Legard, of Ganton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; by whom he had ſeveral children that died young. His fourth lady was, Catherine, daughter of Sir William Bamborough, of Houſam, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had, Francis, and Jane, that died young. Sir John's fifth lady was, Sarah, daughter of Thomas Anlaby, of Etton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; by whom he had, Dorothy, and Alathea,

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thea, that died young, Catherine, married to Sir William Cholmley, of Whitby, in com. Ebor. Bart. and Sarah.

This Sir John Hotham, Bart. was governor of Hull, temp. Car. I. and in the year 1643, ſays Mr. Ruſhworth *(a)*, 'Sir 'John, and his ſon, were diſcovered to hold correſpondence with 'the royal party. Upon what ground of diſcontent, or proffered 'hopes, they entertained thoughts of deſerting the parliament, 'in whoſe ſervice they had ſo far engaged, is hard to determine. 'Some differences there had happened between Sir John, and 'the lord Fairfax, to whom Sir John, was unwilling to ſubmit, 'tho' he were the parliament's general in thoſe parts: and ſome 'ſaid, that the parliament hearing of this conteſt, intended to 'diſplace Hotham, which he having diſcovered by intercepted 'letters, began to have new deſigns. I have been informed by 'a gentleman that was Sir John Hotham's ſecretary at that time, 'of another ground of diſſatisfaction between them, viz. that 'about three weeks before the fight at Edge-hill, Sir John Ho'tham, ſent a letter to the ſpeaker of the houſe of commons, an'other to the earl of Northumberland, and a third, to the earl 'of Holland, the ſubject matter of all three, being earneſt argu'ments to perſuade them to uſe their endeavours, and improve 'their intereſt to induce the parliament to an accomodation with 'the king, before matters came to extremity; for if the ſword 'were once drawn, it would be with us as it was with the Ro'mans, in the time of Cæſar and Pompey, when 'twas ſaid, 'whoever had the better, the Roman liberty was ſure to have 'the worſt; and that theſe letters begot an ill opinion of Sir 'John, amongſt ſome powerful members; and that there hav'ing been a treaty, and ſome letters paſſed between the earl of 'Newcaſtle, and Sir John: the earl, ſent to Ferdinando, lord 'Fairfax, to let him know, that if he would ſend to him a per'ſon he could confide in, he would advertiſe him of ſome things 'worth his notice; upon which, colonel John Allured, was ſent, 'to whom copies were given of ſome letters written by Sir John, 'which were communicated to thoſe that bore him ill-will in 'the houſe of commons; upon which, jealouſies were much in'creaſed againſt him. This is the account given by Sir John 'Hotham's ſecretary, who is yet living. But whatever might 'be the inducements, ſo it was, that about the middle of June, 'Sir John Meldrum, ſeized captain John Hotham, (Sir John's 'ſon,) in his bed, and ſent him priſoner to Nottingham-caſtle, 'from whence he found means to eſcape, and went to Lincoln; 'and ſent a letter thence, dated June the 24th, to the parlia'ment, complaining of his impriſonment; and that he was ready 'to anſwer what ſhould be objected againſt him. But ſoon after 'went

(a) Ruſhworth's collections, fo. vol. V. p. 275, 276.

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'went to his father, to Hull, which giving the parliament fresh 'occasion of jealousy, order was given to Sir Matthew Boynton, 'to have an eye upon them, and to endeavour to preserve the 'town, if he perceived it in danger, and Sir Matthew, being Sir 'John Hotham's brother-in-law, was the less mistrusted by 'him.

'On Wednesday, the 28th of June, a letter was sent from 'captain Moyer, (commander of the Hercules, a man of war that 'lay in the road) to one Mr. Robert Ripley, in Hull, praying 'him to acquaint the mayor, that there was a dangerous plot on 'foot against that town, from the treachery of Sir John Ho-'tham, the governor, which would, that night or the next, be 'put in execution, if not prevented. Ripley, presently ac-'quainted the mayor, who communicated it, about ten o' clock 'at night, to some aldermen, and to Sir Matthew Boynton, and 'other gentlemen, but the latter would not be seen to act, and 'therefore left it wholly to the townsmen, only gave them their 'advice and approbation, and did order that private notice should 'be given to such as were most zealous for the parliament, so that 'by three or four o' clock in the morning, there were about 1500 'men in readiness, expecting the word of command from the 'mayor; and then, every man armed, with his musket charged, 'and match lighted, came forth, and drew up in several bodies, 'seized first upon the commanders, and the main guard, next, 'upon all that had any relation to the governor, and particularly, 'on captain Hotham, then on the magazine, and all the ord-'nance on the walls, and the guards at the gates, and the three 'block-houses, and the castle, so that the whole town, and all 'that belonged to it, was in less than about an hour's time, se-'cured, without one drop of blood, or so much as a musket dis-'charged. Sir John, having then notice of what was done, got 'out of his house, and meeting a man riding into the town, 'made him alight, and mounted his horse, and so passed thro' 'Beverly-gate, the guard having yet no order to stop him. But 'his pursuers immediately coming thither, and seeing him gone, 'one from the walls shot a musket, and a gunner discharg'd a 'piece of ordnance at him. Fearing a pursuit, he quitted Be-'verley-road, and turned down to a ferry, intending to have 'got over into Holderness, but there missing of a boat, was 'forced to ride on to Beverly, whither Sir Matthew Boynton's 'man, was now got before him, with a letter to his son, colonel 'Boynton, acquainting him with the plot, and order to appre-'hend Sir John Hotham, if he came there, and also Sir Edward 'Rodes, who had a company there, and was suspected of a de-'sign to yield up that town too, but nothing proved against him. 'Sir John Hotham, soon after coming into Beverly, colonel 'Boynton,

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Boynton, took his horſe by the bridle, and told him, he was his priſoner: and preſently, Sir Edward Rodes, was ſeized, and both ſent to Hull, and put on board the ſhip, Hercules, which ſoon after conveyed them, and captain John Hotham, to London, where they arrived, July 15, and were committed to the Tower.

'Sir John Hotham, was brought before the court-martial, at Guildhall *(a)*, Nov. 30, 1644, Sir William Waller, being preſident; the ſubſtance of the charge againſt him was, That he had traiterouſly betrayed his truſt repoſed in him by the parliament, and adhered to the enemy, which would be proved by his words, his letters, and his actions, viz. his correſpondence with the lord Digby, and the marqueſs of Newcaſtle; his refuſal to ſupply the lord Fairfax, with powder, arms, and ammunition, to the great diſſervice of the parliament, and the prejudice of their affairs in Yorkſhire, his uttering divers ſlanderous words againſt the parliament and cloſe committee, his endeavouring to betray the town of Hull, to the enemy; his holding a correſpondence with the queen, by ſeveral meſſengers; his cauſing a demi-culverin to be placed on the top of the caſtle, againſt the town, and two pieces in the block-houſe, to give fire on the parliament ſhips; his ſending away captain Moyer, captain of the great ſhip call'd the Hercules; his quitting the garriſon at Beverly, which was a great means to ſtraighten Hull, and laſtly, his endeavours to eſcape, as ſoon as he conceived his deſign diſcovered; for proof of all which, about thirty witneſſes were produced and examined.

'Sir John, produced divers witneſſes on his behalf, whoſe teſtimonies chiefly tended to invalidate the credit, and take off the evidence, which had been depoſed againſt him. And the next day, having deſired that his ſons, Mr. Charles, and Mr. William Hotham, might be heard, the court (altho' not uſual) granted it; they ſpake largely for the moſt part to the ſame purpoſe, and on the Wedneſday, Sir John, concluded his whole defence; but his allegations not being ſatisfactory to the court, they, on Saturday, December 7th, proceeded to ſentence, which was, that he ſhould ſuffer death, by having his head cut off, which was appointed to be done on Monday, 16th of December; but on his lady's petition for time to ſettle his eſtate, deferred.

'His ſon, captain John Hotham, came to his trial before the ſame court, where he was charged,—— That he being a commander in the ſervice of the parliament, had betrayed the truſt in him repoſed, and perfidiouſly adhered to the enemy, and endeavoured

(a) Rushworth, vol. V. p. 744, 745, 748, 749, 750.

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'deavoured to betray a regiment of horſe, and other forces, into 'their hands.

'He produced a great number of witneſſes to take off the cre-'dit of the evidence againſt him, (who were heard, indeed, but had no more regard paid to them, than his father had to his;) 'and the advocate having reply'd, on Tueſday, the 24th of 'December, he likewiſe received ſentence to be heheaded.

'On Saturday, December 28th, a meſſage was ſent from the 'lords to the commons, with a petition from Sir John Hotham, 'praying a pardon (as to life) for himſelf and his ſon; and that 'the lords, upon the ſaid petition, were willing to grant to Sir 'John Hotham, his own life, and deſired the concurrence of the 'houſe of commons therein; which occaſion'd a long debate, 'and was reſumed again on Monday, and then carried in the ne-'gative.

'So that Tueſday, the laſt of December, being the day for-'merly appointed for Sir John's execution, great multitudes of 'ſpectators were aſſembled, and the ſcaffold, his coffin, the exe-'cutioner, and all things were in a readineſs; but about eleven 'of the clock in the forenoon, as he was coming from the Tower 'towards the hill, attended by the lieutenant, and the provoſt-'martial, and the guard, and divers gentlemen and miniſters, a 'meſſenger came riding with a reprieve from the houſe of peers, 'directed to the lieutenant of the Tower and provoſt-martial, 'requiring them to defer the execution until Saturday following, 'upon which he was carried back to the Tower.

'The houſe of commons having notice that the execution was 'deferred, they not aſſenting, nor being privy to any reprieve, 'ſent an order to know the cauſe, why execution was not done 'upon Sir John Hotham; who, the next day, January 1, 164$\frac{4}{5}$, 'acquainting them with the ſaid reprieve from the houſe of peers, 'the commons, after ſome debate, paſſed an order, that no officer 'or miniſters of juſtice, ſhall hereafter ſtay the execution of 'juſtice, upon any particular order or reprieve, from either houſe 'of parliament, without the concurrence of both houſes. And 'this order to be ſent to the commiſſioners for martial law, to 'the lieutenant of the Tower, and the provoſt-martial. And 'further ordered, that the lieutenant of the Tower do proceed 'to the execution of Sir John Hotham, according to the ſentence 'of the court-martial.

'Hereupon, finding no hopes of the father's pardon, the fol-'lowing petitions were immediately preferred on behalf of the 'ſon, both written with his own hand, who was on this very 'day appointed to ſuffer.

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To the right houourable the houſe of peers in parliament.

The humble petition of captain John Hotham.

Humbly ſheweth,

'THat he acknowledgeth that he hath juſtly merited your heavy diſpleaſure, and deſerveth the greateſt puniſhment that can be inflicted upon him, for that he hath requited your abundant favours with ingratitude, arrogance and folly: he well knows that he deſerves not any mercy; neither ſhould he have moved you in it, if your honours clemency, his deſolate family, the tears and lamentations of a poor wife and helpleſs children, did not move him to ſue for mercy. He hath forborn to trouble you, or intereſt your good intentions, whilſt there was hope of mercy to his diſtreſſed father; but hearing, to his great grief, that ſentence is unrevoked, he is bold to preſent his miſerable condition to their merciful conſideration.

'And humbly prays, that whereas a ſentence of death is paſſed upon him by the council of war, that you would mitigate his puniſhment, and change it into a fine, or baniſhment, or both, and your petitioner,

'will daily and duly pray, &c.

JOHN HOTHAM.

To the honourable the houſe of commons, in parliament aſſembled.

The humble petition of captain John Hotham.

Humby ſheweth,

'THat he acknowledged, his faults and his follies committed againſt you, are ſo many, that all the puniſhment that you can inflict, will be according to juſtice, your great and abundant favours he hath requited with arrogancy and negligence, ſo that if his knowledge of your great mercy to offenders, did not encourage him, the conſciouſneſs of his own unworthineſs would have kept him from hoping for favour: but the cries and tears of a poor wife, helpleſs children, deſolated family, hath moved him, a poor condemned commoner, to fly for mercy to the commons of England, and he hath forborn thus long to petition you, becauſe there was hopes your mercy would have been extended to his poor diſtreſſed father, and he would not give interruption to his petition, although it had coſt him his own life, but ſince, to his great grief, he hears the ſentence is unrevoked,

'He humbly prays, that your great clemency and mercy will look upon him in the next place, and mitigate his heavy

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'heavy ſentence of death, into baniſhment and fine, or 'what other puniſhment you pleaſe; and your petitioner, 'his wife, and poor children, will daily pray for proſperity 'to your affairs, and will remain,

'Your humble petitioner,

JOHN HOTHAM.

'Theſe petitions not availing, he was the ſame day, toward 'noon, brought to the ſcaffold on Tower-hill, where, Mr. Cole-'man, miniſter of the Tower, made a prayer, captain Hotham 'joining with him, and after that, the captain made a prayer 'himſelf, and then riſing up, and turning to the people, he 'ſpake as followeth:

'Gentlemen,

'YOU ſee in what a condition I ſtand, you all come here to 'look upon me as a ſpectacle of ſhame and juſtice; and I 'believe, many of you are poſſeſſed with apprehenſion of great 'crimes and treaſons that I have committed againſt the parlia-'ment: thoſe things, I muſt declare to you all, this conſcience 'knows no guilt of; what I have advantaged the parliament's 'cauſe, is notorious, and that I did never diſadvantage it, I think 'is proved alſo; I have been very violent in the parliament, and 'did many things according to the ſwinge of the times; I did 'engage my ſelf in their cauſe, I did them ſervice in poſſeſſing 'of Hull, I preſerved the forts, magazine, towns, and forces, 'and never miſcarried in any attempt. It hath pleaſed God to 'bring me to this end for my ſins againſt him, which I acknow-'ledge to be juſt; but not for any treaſon againſt the parliament, 'neither do I know any treaſon, or intention of treaſon in my 'poor father, who lies in the ſame condition that I do, what-'ever other men do call treaſon: this I teſtify to all here.—And 'having ſpoken ſome other words to the ſame purpoſe, Mr. Cole-'man, prayed again, and the priſoner prepared himſelf for the 'block, whereon having laid his head, the executioner, at one 'blow, ſever'd it from his body, which his brother, Mr. Durant 'Hotham, ſtanding by, took up, wrapt in a ſcarf, and laid it, 'together with his body, in the coffin.

'The next day, his father, Sir John Hotham, was conducted 'to the ſame place, where, Mr. Peters, attending him, firſt told 'the people, that it was the deſire of Sir John Hotham, that 'ſince he had in his chamber fully diſcovered his mind to him, 'and other miniſters, many queſtions might not be put to him, 'but that he might have liberty to ſpeak only what he thought

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'fit concerning himself.——Then, Sir John, coming up to the 'rail, put off his hat, and spake as followeth:

'Gentlemen,

'I know no more of my self, but this, that I deserve this death 'from Almighty God, nay, that I deserve damnation, and the 'severest punishments from him. But, as for the business of 'Hull, the betraying of it from the parliament, the ministers 'have all been with me, and give me good counsel; neither was 'I any ways guilty of it; that is all I can say to that act; for 'other offences, rash words, anger, and such things, no man 'hath been more guilty, I beseech God to forgive me; I have 'received as many favours as any man from God, and I have been 'as ungrateful as any man could be; but God Almighty, (I 'hope) has forgiven me my sins, and I desire you all to pray God 'for me, that I may be forgiven.

'I hope, God Almighty will forgive me, the parliament, and 'the court-martial, and all men that have had any thing to do 'with my death. And, gentlemen, I thank this worthy gentle-'man (*a*), for putting me in mind of it, and I pray God, bring 'more things into my memory: and, gentlemen, look to it all, 'as I; I have received many mercies from God, and have been 'unfruitful, ungrateful to him under them, and God Almighty 'hath let me see, that though for this offence whereof I am ac-'cused, he hath not done it; yet he hath brought this affliction 'upon me, to save my soul, by and through the merits of Jesus 'Christ, for alas, this affliction is nothing to all my sins; God 'Almighty kept me from my trial at St. Albans, and other 'places, to bring me to this place, that I hope I shall glorify 'God in, and his blessed name be for ever glorified.

'Then, Mr. Peters, spake again, and told the audience, that 'he had something further to commend unto them from Sir John 'Hotham, which was, that he had lived in abundance of plenty, 'his estate large, about 2000l. a year at first, and that he had 'gained much to it: that in the beginning of his days, he was a 'soldier in the Low-countries, and was at the battle of Prague: 'that at his first going out for a soldier, his father spake to him 'to this effect; *Son, when the crown of England lies at stake, you 'will have fighting enough.* That he had run thro' great hazards 'and undertakings, and now coming to this end, desired that 'they would take notice in him, of the vanity of all things here 'below, as wit, parts, prowess, strength, friends, honour, or 'what else.

'Then, Mr. Peters, having prayed, and after him, Sir John, 'they sung the 38th Psalm, and Sir John, kneeling behind the 'block,

(*a*) He was hereunto moved by Mr. Peters.

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'block, ſpent above a quarter of an hour in private prayer; after 'which, lying down, the executioner, at one blow, did his 'office.'

My lord Clarendon ſays (a), 'Sir John, was of a fearful nature, 'and perplexed underſtanding, and could better reſolve upon de- 'liberation, than on a ſudden; and many were of opinion, that 'if he had been prepared dextrouſly before hand, and in confi- 'dence, he would have conformed to the king's pleaſure; for he 'was maſter of a noble fortune in land, and rich in money; of 'a very ancient family, and well allied; his affections to the 'government very good; and no man leſs deſired to ſee the na- 'tion involved in a civil war, than he: and, when he accepted 'this employment from the parliament, he never imagined it 'would engage him in rebellion; but believed, that the king 'would find it neceſſary to comply with the advice of his two 'houſes; and that the preſerving that magazine from being poſ- 'ſeſſed by him, would likewiſe prevent any poſſible rupture into 'arms. He was now in great confuſion; and calling ſome of 'the chief magiſtrates, and other officers together to conſult, they 'perſuaded him, not to ſuffer the king to enter into the town. 'And his majeſty coming, within an hour after his meſſenger, 'found the gates ſhut, and the bridges drawn, and the walls 'mann'd; all things being in a readineſs for the reception of an 'enemy. Sir John Hotham, himſelf, from the walls, with ſeveral 'profeſſions of duty, and many expreſſions of fear, telling his 'majeſty, *That he durſt not open the gates, being intruſted by the 'parliament*;' the king told him, *that he believed he had no order 'from the parliament to ſhut the gates againſt him, or to keep him 'out of the town.* He replied, *That his train was ſo great, that if 'it were admitted, he ſhould not be able to give a good account of the 'town.* Whereupon the king offer'd, *to enter with twenty horſe 'only, and that the reſt ſhould ſtay without.* The which the other 'refuſing, the king deſired him, *to come to him, that he might con- 'fer with him, upon his princely word of ſafety, and liberty to re- 'turn.* And when he excus'd himſelf likewiſe from that, his 'majeſty told him, *That as this act of his was unparallel'd, ſo it 'would produce ſome notable effect; that it was not poſſible for him 'to ſit down by ſuch an indignity, but that he would immediately 'proclaim him traitor, and proceed againſt him as ſuch; that this 'diſobedience of his, would probably bring many miſeries upon the 'kingdom, and much loſs of blood; all which might be prevented, if 'he performed the duty of a ſubject; and therefore adviſed him to 'think ſadly of it, and to prevent the neceſſary growth of ſo many 'calamities, which muſt lie all upon his conſcience.* The gentle- 'man, with much diſtraction in his looks, talked confuſedly of 'the

(a) Vol. II. p. 507, 508, 509.

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'the truſt he had from the parliament; then fell on his knees, 'and wiſhed, *That God would bring confuſion upon him, and his, 'if he were not a loyal and faithful ſubject to his majeſty; but, in 'concluſion, plainly denied to ſuffer his majeſty to come into the town.* 'Whereupon, the king cauſed him immediately to be proclaimed 'a traitor; which the other received with ſome expreſſions of 'undutifulneſs and contempt. And ſo the king, after the duke 'of York, and the prince elector, with their retinue, were come 'out of the town, where they were kept ſome hours, was forced 'to retire that night, to Beverly, four miles from that place; 'and the next day returned to York, full of trouble and indigna- 'tion for the affront he had received; which he foreſaw would 'produce a very great deal of miſchief.

'The king ſent an expreſs to the two houſes, with a meſſage, 'declaring what had paſſed; and, *That Sir John Hotham, had 'juſtify'd his treaſon and diſloyalty, by pretence of an order and truſt 'from them; which, as he could not produce, ſo, his majeſty was 'confident, they would not own; but would be highly ſenſible of the 'ſcandal he had laid upon them, as well as of his diſloyalty to his 'majeſty. And therefore, he demanded juſtice of them, againſt him, 'according to law,*

'Inſtead of any anſwer to his majeſty upon this meſſage, or 'ſadly conſidering how this breach might be made up, they im- 'mediately publiſh'd (together with a declaration of their former 'jealouſies of the papiſts; of the malignant party; of the lord 'Digby's letter intercepted; of the earl of Newcaſtle's being 'ſent thither, upon which they had firſt ſent down a governor, 'and put a garriſon into Hull,) ſeveral votes and reſolutions, by 'which they declared,

'That Sir John Hotham, had done nothing but in obedience 'to the command of both houſes of parliament, and that the de- 'claring of him a traitor, being a member of the houſe of com- 'mons, was a high breach of the privilege of parliament, and be- 'ing without due proceſs of law, was againſt the liberty of the 'ſubject, and againſt the law of the land.

My lord Clarendon ſays further, *(a)*, 'There was an act of divine 'juſtice about this time, executed by thoſe at Weſtminſter, which 'ought not to be forgotten in the relation of the affairs of this 'year; and which ought to have cauſed very uſeful reflections 'to be made by many, who were equally engag'd; ſome of 'whom, afterwards did undergo the ſame fate. There hath 'been often mention before, of Sir John Hotham, who ſhut the 'gates of Hull, againſt the king, and refuſed to give him en- 'trance into that town, when he came thither, attended only by 'his

(a) Vol. IV. p. 620, 621, 622, 623.

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'his own ſervants, before the beginning of the war; and was, 'in truth, the immediate cauſe of the war. It was the more 'wonderful, that a perſon of a full and ample fortune, who was 'not diſturbed by any fancies in religion, had unqueſtion'd duty 'to the crown, and reverence for the government both of church 'and ſtate, ſhould ſo fooliſhly expoſe himſelf, and his family, of 'great antiquity, to comply with the humours of thoſe men, 'whoſe perſons he did not much eſteem, and whoſe deſigns he 'perfectly deteſted. But, as his particular animoſity againſt the 'earl of Strafford, firſt engaged him in that company, ſo his va-'nity and ambition, and the conceſſions the king had made to 'their unreaſonable demands, made him concur farther with 'them, than his own judgment diſpoſed him to. He had taken 'upon him the government of Hull, without any apprehenſion, 'or imagination, that it would ever make him acceſſary to re-'bellion; but believed, that when the king and parliament ſhould 'be reconcil'd, the eminence of that charge would promote him 'to ſome of thoſe rewards and honours, which that party reſolv'd 'to divide among themſelves. When he found himſelf more 'dangerouſly and deſperately embarked than he ever intended to 'be, he bethought himſelf of all poſſible ways to diſintangle him-'ſelf, and to wind himſelf out of the labyrinth he was in. His 'comportment towards the lord Digby, and Aſhburnham, and 'his inclinations at that time, have been mentioned before at 'large; and from that time, the entire confidence the parliament 'had in his ſon, and the vigilance and jealouſy that he was known 'to have towards his father, was that alone that preſerved him 'longer in the government. Beſides that, they had ſo conſti-'tuted the garriſon, that they knew it could never be in the fa-'ther's power to do them hurt. But, after this, when they 'diſcovered ſome alteration in the ſon's behaviour, and that the 'pride and ſtubborneſs of his nature, would not ſuffer him to ſub-'mit to the command of the lord Fairfax, and that ſuperiority 'over both his father and him, with which the parliament had 'inveſted that lord, and had ſome inkling of ſecret meſſages be-'tween the marquis of Newcaſtle, and young Hotham, they 'cauſed both father and ſon to be ſuddenly ſeized upon, and ſent 'up priſoners to the parliament; which immediately committed 'them to the Tower, upon a charge of high treaſon.

'Though there was evidence enough againſt them, yet they 'had ſo many friends in both houſes of parliament, and ſome of 'that intereſt in the army, that they were preſerv'd from farther 'proſecution, and remain'd long priſoners in the Tower, with-'out being brought to any trial; ſo that they believ'd their 'puniſhment to be at the higheſt. But when that party pre-'vail'd that reſolv'd to new model the army, and to make as

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'many examples of their rigour and ſeverity, as might terrify 'all men from falling from them, they call'd importunately, that 'the two Hothams, might be tried at the court of war, for their 'treachery and treaſon; and they who had hitherto preſerv'd 'them, had now loſt their intereſt; ſo that they were both brought 'to their trial, ſome little time before the treaty at Uxbridge, 'and both condemned to loſe their heads. The principal charge 'againſt the father was, his ſuffering the lord Digby, to eſcape; 'and a letter was produced, by the treachery of a ſervant, a-'gainſt the ſon, which he had ſent to the marquis of Newcaſtle. 'The vile artifices that were uſed both before and after their 'trial, were ſo barbarous, and inhuman, as have been rarely 'practiſed among chriſtians.

'The father was firſt condemned to ſuffer, upon a day ap-'pointed, and the ſon afterwards, to be executed in like manner, 'the day following: the night before, or the very morning, 'that Sir John Hotham was to die, a reprieve was ſent from the 'houſe of peers, to ſuſpend his execution for three days. The 'commons were highly incens'd at this preſumption in the lords; 'and to prevent the like miſchief for the future, they made an 'order, *To all mayors, ſheriffs, bayliffs, and other miniſters of 'juſtice, that no reprieve ſhould be granted, or allowed for any per-'ſon againſt whom the ſentence of death was pronounced, except the 'ſame had paſſed, and had the conſent of both houſes of parliament; 'and that if it paſſed only by the houſe of peers, it ſhould be looked 'upon as invalid and void, and execution ſhould not be thereupon 'forborne or ſuſpended.* By this accident, the ſon was brought 'to his execution before his father, upon the day on which he 'was ſentenced to ſuffer; who died with courage, and reproach-'ing the ingratitude of the parliament, and their continuance of 'the war, concluded, *that, as to them, he was very innocent, and 'had never been guilty of treaſon.* The father was brought to the 'ſcaffold the next day: for the houſe of commons, to ſhew their 'prerogative over the lords, ſent an order to the lieutenant of the 'Tower, that he ſhould cauſe him to be executed that very day, 'which was two days before the reprieve granted by the houſe of 'peers, was expired. Whether he had yet ſome promiſe from 'Peters, that he ſhould only be ſhew'd to the people, and ſo re-'turn'd ſafe again to the tower, which was then generally re-'ported, and believ'd, or whether he was broken with deſpair, '(which is more probable) when he ſaw that his enemies pre-'vail'd ſo far, that he could not be permitted to live thoſe two 'days which the peers had granted him, certain it is that the 'poor man appear'd ſo diſpirited, that he ſpoke but few words 'after he came upon the ſcaffold, and ſuffer'd his ungodly con-'feſſor, Peters, to tell the people, that he had reveal'd himſelf to

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'him, and confeſs'd his offences againſt the parliament; and ſo 'he committed his head to the block. This was the woeful 'tragedy of theſe two unhappy gentlemen; in which there were 'ſo many circumſtances of an unuſual nature, that the immediate 'hand of Almighty God could not but appear in it, to all men 'who knew their natures, humours, and tranſactions.'

Sir John Hotham, Knt. the eldeſt ſon, (who was beheaded juſt before his father) married three wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Sir John Wray, of Glentworth, in com. Lincoln. Knt. and Bart. by whom he had one ſon, Sir John, ſucceſſor to his grandfather; and two daughters, Elizabeth, married, firſt, to Peter le Gay, of London, merchant, and ſecondly, to —— Hay, Eſq; alderman of London, and Frances, married to John Daniel, Eſq; ſon of Sir Ingleby Daniel, of Beſwick, in com. Ebor. Knt. Sir John's ſecond lady was, Margaret, daughter of Thomas, lord Fairfax, viſcount Emylyn, by whom he had no iſſue; and his third, was, Iſabel, daughter of Sir Henry Anderſon, of Long Cauton, in com. Ebor. Knt. by whom he had one ſon, Henry, who died young.

Sir John Hotham, Bart. who ſucceeded his grandfather in title and eſtate, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sapcoat, lord viſcount Beaumont, of Swords, in the kingdom of Ireland, by whom he had two ſons, Sir John, his ſucceſſor, and Robert, who died S. P. and two daughters, Elizabeth, married to William Gee, of Biſhops Burton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; and Bridget; and dying in the year 1689, was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir John Hotham, Bart. who departed this life without iſſue male, A. D. 1691, whereupon the title and eſtate devolved on Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. eldeſt ſon and heir of Charles Hotham, rector of Wigan, (by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Stephen Thompſon, of Humbleton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; beforementioned,) third ſon of Sir John Hotham, the firſt of this family that was created to the dignity of a baronet.

Which Sir Charles Hotham, of Scorbrough, Bart. was colonel of the king's own royal regiment of dragoons, at the time of his deceaſe, the 8th of January, 172$\frac{2}{3}$, having ſerv'd as repreſentative in parliament, for Beverley, in Yorkſhire, moſt part of the reign of Queen Anne, and all King George I. till his death: he married two wives, firſt, Bridget, daughter of William Gee, of Biſhops-Burton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; by whom he had iſſue two ſons, Sir Charles, his ſucceſſor in title and eſtate, and Beaumont, now living; as alſo three daughters, Elizabeth, married to Sir Thomas Style, of Wateringbury, in the county of Kent, Bart. Philippa, married to William Gee, of Biſhops-Burton, in com. Ebor. Eſq; and Charlotta, wedded to Warton Warton, of Beverly, in com. Ebor. Eſq;

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His ſecond wife was, the lady Mildred, youngeſt daughter of James Cecil, earl of Saliſbury, and widow of Sir Uvedale Corbet, of Longnore, in the county of Salop, Bart. by whom he had one ſon named Richard, who died an infant.

Sir Charles Hotham, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor, was elected on the death of his father, repreſentative in parliament for Beverley, and ſerv'd for that corporation in the following parliaments, till his death: he was colonel of the firſt troop of guards, and groom of the bedchamber to his majeſty, and married, in the year 1724, the lady Gertrude, eldeſt daughter of Philip Stanhope, earl of Cheſterfield, and dying, Jan. 15, 173⅞, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his only ſon,

Sir Charles Hotham, the preſent baronet.

The ARMS of this family are, Barry of ten, Argent and Azure, on a Canton, Or, a Corniſh Chough, proper.

CREST: A Demy Sea-Man, iſſuing out of water, proper, holding in his right hand a flaming ſword, and in his left, a ſhield of the Hotham's Arms.

SEAT: At *Beverly*, in *Yorkſhire*.

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59. MANSEL, of Muddleſcombe, Carmarthenſhire.

(FRANCIS, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Jan. 14, 1621.

THIS ancient and honourable family is deſcended from Philip Manſel *(a)*, who came into England with William the conqueror, and was nephew to Sir Henry Harley, Knt. who, out of the large poſſeſſions he held in South-Wales, gave to the ſaid Philip, the manor of Oxwick, or Oxmuche, in the county of Glamorgan, where he built a very fine manſion-houſe, which became the reſidence of his family, for many generations. This Philip, married ——, daughter to —— Mountſorrell, and had iſſue by her, Henry, Andrew, Robert, Michael, and Philip. From Henry, the eldeſt ſon, deſcended Sir John Manſel, Knt. who, in 26 Henry III. had the king's precipe to pay Sir Peter Alard, Knt. ſuch wages as he paid other knights in his majeſty's ſervice. In 37 Henry III. being at that time chancellor of London, and provoſt of Beverley, he was appointed, with others, to go to the king of Caſtile, to make a league between him and the

(a) Collins's peerage of England, vol. IV. p. 394 & ſeq.

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king of England. In 38 Henry III. he was ſent, with others, on an embaſſy to the king of Scotland, with power to take into their protection ſuch of the Scots, as are inclinable to adhere to them. And the next year was appointed to take poſſeſſion of the kingdom of Apulia, which the pope had granted to him, and Edmund, his ſon. In 40 Hen. III. being at that time a knight, and in Wales, he ſent advice to the king, of the rebellion of Lewellin, prince of Wales, and that on the approach of Sir John de Grey, and others, they diſpers'd and fled to the mountains. In 40 Hen. III. he was ſent into the marches of Scotland, to take care of the king's affairs; and the next year was ſent, with others, by Edmund, king of Sicily, on an embaſſy to the pope, to procure better terms, in the relation to the grant of that kingdom, with power, if they thought fit, to give up the ſame kingdom: and was alſo one of the twelve who were appointed to reform the ſtate of the kingdom. In 42 Henry III. being at the ſame time treaſurer of York, he was appointed, with others, to treat of a peace in Scotland. In 46 Henry III. there being ſome apprehenſion of his ſtirring up ſtrife between the king and his peers, the king wrote to the pope and cardinals, that he was innocent. He was lord-chancellor to that king, and is ſaid, by the pedigrees of this family, to have iſſue, by Joan, his wife, daughter of Simon Beauchamp, baron of Bedford, Sir Thomas Manſel, knight banneret, who was, (as Hollinſhed writes) taken priſoner in the barons wars, in 48 Henry III. at Northampton. This Sir Thomas, had iſſue, Henry Manſel, who, in the reign of King Edward I. ſettled in Glamorganſhire, and was father of Sir Walter Manſel, Knt. who held of King Edward I. the manor of Miſſenden, in com. Bucks, in capite. He was buried in St. Botolph's church, in London, and was ſucceeded by Sir Robert Manſel, Knt. his ſon and heir, father of Robert Manſel, Eſq; who had iſſue, Richard, his ſon and heir.

Which Richard Manſel, Eſq; marrying Lucy, daughter and ſole heir to Philip Scurlage, lord of Scurlage-caſtle, in the county of Glamorgan, left iſſue, Sir Hugh Manſel, Knt. whoſe wife was, Elizabeth, daughter and heir to Sir John Penrys, Knt. lord of Oxwick, and other large territories in Glamorganſhire, which accrued to him by the ſaid marriage, and by her he was father to Richard Manſel, of Oxwick, who, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter to Hamon Turbervile, of Penline, in com. Glamorg. had iſſue, John Manſel, of Oxwick, and he, by Maud, daughter to William ap Llewellin, ap Howel ap Poclin, Eſq; was father of Philip Manſel, Eſq; who was ſlain in the wars between the houſes of York and Lancaſter, and attainted. He married Mary, daughter to Griffith ap Nicholas, of Newton, in the county of Carmarthen, Eſq; by whom he had. Jenkin Manſel, his ſon and heir.

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Which Jenkin, procur'd a repeal of his father's attainder, and a reſtoration in blood and eſtate. He married Edith, daughter and coheir to Sir George Kyme, (or Keene) of the county of Kent, Knt. and had iſſue three ſons; Rice, who ſucceeded him; Hugh, who took to wife, Jane, daughter and coheir to Richard Owgan, of Kent, (and left iſſue, Robert Manſel, Eſq; groom of the bedchamber to King Henry VIII.) and Philip, who married Anne, daughter of William Dabridgecourt; alſo four daughters, Alice, married to John Drew, of Briſtol; Anne, to David ap Rees Wynn, of St. Cothens; Jane, to John Wynn ap Jenkin ap Richard; and Elizabeth, to Chriſtopher Flemyng.

Rice, the eldeſt ſon, received the honour of knighthood, before the twenty-ſeventh of Henry VIII. in which year he was ſent with a ſupply of Soldiers into Ireland, to aſſiſt the lord-deputy in ſuppreſſing a rebellion rais'd in that kingdom, by the earl of Kildare. In 28 Henry VIII. he had a grant for life of the office of chamberlain of the county palatine of Cheſter; and in 32 Henry VIII. a grant of the ſcite of the monaſtery of Margam, in com. Glamorgan, and the royalty of Avon Water, to him and his heirs. His laſt will and teſtament bears date on the 10th of December, 7 Eliz. 1588, and the probate thereof, the 10th of May, 1589. He bequeaths to Mary Foſkew, late the wife of his ſon, Philip Manſel, Eſq; deceas'd, his manor of Penrys, in com. Glamorgan, for her life, and after, to his ſon, Edward Manſel, and his aſſigns. To his ſon, Anthony, all his lands in the lordſhip of Falway, in Glamorganſhire, with other lands in Glouceſterſhire. To his daughter, Mary, 600 marks, for her marriage-portion. To the lady Jane Manſel, wife of his ſon, Edward, an upper abiliment of goldſmith's work, a gown of purple cloth of ſilver, a gown of green velvet, and a gown of black velvet. To his daughter, Catherine Baſſet, a gown of black damaſk, and an ale-cup, with a cover of ſilver, gilt. To his daughter, Elizabeth Morgan, a gown of damaſk, with a like cup. To his daughter, Mary, a crimſon velvet gown, the ſecond black velvet gown, and a ſattin gown, that were his wife's, a bed of purple damaſk, with curtains pain'd with yellow damaſk and crimſon, and a diamond pointed, which Queen Mary, gave to his wife, as alſo, his wife's wedding and other jewels. To his ſon, Anthony, a bed of tawney velvet, and and a bed of ruſſet, and yellow ſattin; alſo a cup, with a cover of ſilver, gilt, and his wife's ſignet ring. He deſires his ſon, Edward, to give his children a learned education, whom he conſtitutes ſole executor.

It further appears by his will, that he was an inhabitant of Clerkenwell pariſh, in London; and that he was bountiful to his ſervants, charitable to the poor, as the ſeveral ſums he left to poor houſholders of many pariſhes, ſhew.

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This Sir Rice Manſel, Knt. married three wives; by his firſt, Elianor, daughter and ſole heir to James Baſſet, of Beaupre, in com. Glamorg. Eſq; he had no iſſue that ſurviv'd to maturity. By his ſecond, Anne, daughter of Sir Giles Bruges, of Coberley, in com. Glouc. Knt. anceſtor to the preſent duke of Chandos, he had three ſons, who all died in his life-time, and three daughters, whereof only two ſurviv'd, viz. Catherine, married to William Baſſet, of Beaupre, Eſq; and Elizabeth, married to William Morgan, of Llanternam, in com. Monmouth, Eſq; but by his third wife, Cicely, daughter to William Dabridgcourt, Eſq; he had, Edward, who ſucceeded him in his eſtate; Anthony, married to Elizabeth, daughter of John Baſſet, of Lanthrithed, Eſq; and Mary, wife of Sir Thomas Southwell, of Upriſing, in Norfolk, Knt.

In a chapel, on the ſouth ſide of Margam church, in the county of Glamorgan, in South-Wales, is a handſome monument of white marble, erected to his memory, with the effigies of him and his lady, lying at full length, on the ſides, their children, and over their heads, their matches. At the head are three children in full proportion, Sir Edward, Mary, and Anthony; and at the foot of the monument is this inſcription:

> Here lyeth the Portraitures of Sir Rice Manſel, Knt. and Dame Cicill, his Wife, being deſcended of the noble Family of Dabridgcourt, of Hampſhire, both are buried in Little St. Bartholmew's, near Smithfield, London.
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> This Monument is here made for his Remembrance, becauſe he was the firſt Purchaſer of this Seat, and had iſſue, Sir Edward Manſel, of Margam, Knight, Anthony Manſel, of Lanthrithed, Eſq; and Mary Manſel, married to Thomas Southwell, of Upriſing, in Norfolk.
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> The ſaid Sir Rice, was twice formerly married, firſt, to Elinor Baſſet, the Heir of Beaupee, and by her had iſſue, but all died young. Secondly, he married a Siſter of Sir John Bridges, afterwards Lord Chandos, and had iſſue by her, three Sons and three Daughters, whereof only two Daughters ſurviv'd him; Catherine, married to William Baſſet, of Beaupre, Eſq; at whoſe marriage, Sir Rice Manſel, aſſured back again Beaupre.
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> Elizabeth, married William Morgan, of Lanternam, in the County of Monmouth, Eſq;

Edward, his eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir, received the honour of knighthood, in the year 1572, was chamberlain of Cheſter, and a man of great honour, integrity, and courage, diſtinguiſhing himſelf in many ſervices during the reign of Queen Elizabeth. He

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He lies buried in the chapel, on the ſouth ſide of Margam church, where a fair monument of white marble is erected to his memory, whereon is the effigies of him and his lady, (Jane Somerſet, youngeſt daughter to Henry, earl of Worceſter,) lying at full length, and at the head, the figures of four ſons in armour, kneeling, repreſenting Sir Thomas Manſel, Knt. and Bart. Sir Francis Manſel, Bart. Sir Robert Manſel, Knt. and Philip Manſel, Eſq; alſo on the ſouth ſide, are two daughters, kneeling, and on the north, two more in the ſame poſture, and at the foot of the monument, the following inſcription:

Heere lyeth Syr Edward Manſel, Knight, and Dame Jane, his Lady, who was the Daughter to Henry, Earl of Worceſter, he died the 5th of Auguſt, 1595, about the —— Yeere of his age: She died the xvi October, 1597, about the Age of lxvii Yeeres, having borne xv Sons and iiii Daughters, Whereof x of the younger Sons died without iſſue male.

Sir Thomas Manſel, Knight and Baronet, Sir Francis Manſel, Baronet, now living, have many iſſues male and Female, and Sir Robert Manſel, Knt. liveth, Philip Manſel Died, and left Thomas Manſel, his Son.

Elizabeth, eldeſt Daughter of the ſaid Sir Edward, Was married to Sir Walter Rice, of Newton, in the County of Caermarthen, Knight, and had iſſue Henry Rice, Eſq; &c.

Cicill, married Rowland Williams, of Llangiby, in the County of Monmouth, Eſq; and had iſſue, Sir Charles Williams, Knight, &c.

Mary, married Chriſtopher Turbervile, of Pennlyne, Eſquire, and hath iſſue, Anthony Turbervile, &c.

Anne, married Edward Carne, of Naſhe, Eſquire, and Hath iſſue, William Carne, &c. both of the County Of Glamorgan.

Of theſe ſons, Sir Thomas, was the anceſtor to the preſent lord Manſel, of Margam, (for whoſe deſcent, ſee the Peerage of England, in octavo, vol. IV.) Sir Francis, (anceſtor to the preſent Sir Richard Manſel, Bart. of Iſchoed, in Carmarthenſhire, and to Sir Edward Manſel, of Trimſaran, Barts.) and Sir Robert Manſel, was knighted by the earl of Eſſex, for his valour, in the taking of the town of Cales, anno 1596; and after having ſignaliz'd himſelf in ſeveral encounters, was made vice-admiral of the fleet, by King James I. in which ſtation he was continued by King Charles, and lived to a very old age, much eſteem'd for his great integrity, perſonal courage, and experience in maritime affairs.

Francis Manſel, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir Edward, beforementioned, being advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. married

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married two wives, firſt, Catherine, daughter and heir of Henry Morgan, of Muddleſcombe, in com. Carmarthen, Eſq; by whom he had four ſons; 1. Walter, who left no iſſue; 2. Sir Anthony Manſel, Knt. ſlain at Newby, in com. Ebor. temp. Car. I. who, by Jane, daughter of William Price, of Britton-ferry, Eſq; left iſſue, Sir Edward, ſucceſſor to his grandfather; 3. Francis, S. T. P. elected principal of Jeſus college, Oxon. and in 1648, deprived, and his temporal eſtate put under ſequeſtration, and ſuffer'd greatly for his loyalty: in the year 1659, he was thought of for a biſhoprick, as appears by this paſſage, in Dr. Barwick's letter to the lord-chancellor, 'There is another, whom I alſo much reverence, 'Dr. M. *(a)* whoſe years and modeſty are ſo great, as it is 'thought by thoſe that know him better than I, he will rather 'chuſe a private life. And it were great pity to caſt a load upon 'him againſt his will, now when he is come to that condition, 'as to need a coadjutor, if he were already in the office. His 'ſight is almoſt quite gone, and his infirmities otherwiſe, ſo great, 'as he can hardly come up hither to receive conſecration, which 'is but the preface to his work.' Aug. 1, 1660, he was reſtored to his college by the king's commiſſioners, and died May 1, 1665, almoſt eighty, having been a very great benefactor to his college *(b)*, both in its buildings and revenues; and lies buried in Jeſus college-chapel, with this inſcription *(c)*:

D. O. M.
Franciſcus Manſell, S. T. P.
Dni Franciſci Manſell, de Muddleſcombe,
In Com. Carmarthi, Baronetti,
Et Catharinæ, Henrici Morgan,
De Muddleſcombe, Filiæ & Hæredis,
Filius natu tertius.
Vir
Antiqui Sanguinis, ſed magis antiquæ Virtutis,
Eruditione, Fide, Sanctitate, etiam Proſcriptione
Clarus;
Præfectura quippe hujus Collegii.
Inter Confeſſores Anni 1641.
Depulſus.
Infulas Epiſcopales
Viro Meritiſſimo non ſemel oblatas; ſerio tremuit,
Obſtinatus refugit.
Suffragiis Collegii bis poſtulatus eſt in Principalem,
Bis etiam loco ceſſit,
Primum Juvenis adhuc,

Ut

(*a*) Dr. Barwick's life, p. 439, where, in a reference to Dr. M. is this; Dr. Francis Manſel, principal of Jeſus college, Oxford, his obſtinate refuſal of the epiſcopal dignity, more than once, is mentioned on his epitaph, in that college, where he was interr'd. Infulas epiſcopales —— non ſemel oblatas, ſerio tremuit, obſtinatus refugit. (*b*) Walkers ſufferings of the clergy, p. 120. (*c*) Le Neve's monumenta Anglicana, vol. V. p. 60.

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Ut Succeſſori rem Collegii anguſtam large aucturo
Viam honeſtius ſterneret.
Dein, ætate provectior, ut Deo totus vacaret;
Collegium hocce
Alumnus, Præfectus, Benefactor,
Ornavit, fovit, munificentiſſime auxit,
Hæredem imo ſcripſit
Ex Aſſe.
Obiit
Fere Octogenarius Kal. Maii, 1665.

The fourth ſon of Sir Edward, was, Richard, who, by Catherine, daughter and heir of Rees Morgan, of Iſchoed, in com. Carmarthen, Eſq; left iſſue, Sir Richard, hereafter mentioned. Sir Francis's ſecond lady was, Dorothy, daughter to Alban Stepney, of Prendergaſt, in com. Pembroke, Eſq; by whom he had three ſons; 1. John, who married Mary, daughter of Sir Henry Vaughan, of Derwith, in com. Carmarthen, Knt. and was great grandfather to the preſent Sir Edward Manſel, of Trimſaran, in com. Carmarthen, Bart. 2. Edward, a captain; 3. Rawleigh; and two daughters, Catherine, married to Sir John Stepney, of Prendergaſt, in com. Pembroke, Bart. and Cicely, married to George Jones, of Abercothy, in com. Carmarthen, Eſq;

Sir Edward Manſel, of Muddleſcombe, Bart. eldeſt ſon of Sir Anthony, ſucceeded his grandfather in title and eſtate, but dying without iſſue male, the title and eſtate deſcended to his couſin, Sir Richard, eldeſt ſon of Richard Manſel, Eſq; (youngeſt ſon of Sir Francis) by Catherine, daughter and heir of Rees Morgan, of Iſchoed, Eſq; beforementioned.

Which Sir Richard Manſel, of Iſchoed, Bart. married a daughter and heir of Rees David, of Pentry-Eſtill, in com. Glamorgan, Eſq; by whom he had three ſons, Sir Richard, Sir William, and Edward, and three daughters.

Sir Richard Manſel, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father in the title, and the lordſhip of Iſchoed, and Pentry-Eſtill, and died in London, unmarried, whereupon the dignity and eſtate devolved upon his next brother,

Sir William Manſel, Bart. who married Amy, eldeſt daughter of Sir Richard Cox, lord-chancellor of Ireland, by whom he had iſſue *(a)*, two ſons, Sir Richard, and William, and three daughters.

Sir Richard Manſel, the eldeſt ſon, who ſucceeded his father in dignity and eſtate, is the preſent baronet, and hath married *(a)* Rebecca, eldeſt daughter of William Ware, of Farranalough, in the county of Corke, in Ireland, Eſq; by whom he has one ſon, William, born March 1, $173\frac{8}{9}$.

ARMS:

(a) Ex infor. Dom. Ric. Manſel, Bar. *(b)* Ibid.

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ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Manches, Sable, with a Creſcent for difference.

CREST: A Cap of Maintenance, enflamed on the top, proper.

MOTTO: *Quod vult, valde vult.*

Chief SEATS: *Iſchoed*, in *Carmarthenſhire*, and *Woodſtone*, in the county of *Corke*, in *Ireland*.

60. GARRARD, of Lamer, Hertfordſhire.

(Sir JOHN, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, Feb. 16, 1621.

THIS family were originally named Attegare, and are deſcended from Alured Attegare, an ancient family ſeated at Sittingborne, in Kent.

Sir Simon Attegare, Knt. his ſon, was father of Stephen Attegare, alias Garrard *(a)*, whoſe ſon, Garrard, (or Gerrard,) was father of —— Garrard; William, his ſon, was alſo of Sittingborne, and father of John, of London, who gave for arms, Argent, on a Feſs, Sable, a Lion paſſant, of the firſt, whoſe ſon, Sir William Garrard, (or Gerrard,) Knt. was of Dorney, in com. Bucks: he was lord-mayor of London *(b)*, 1555, and married Iſabel, daughter and coheir to Julius Nethermill, of Coventry, in com. Warw. Eſq; by whom he had three ſons; 1. Sir William, of whom hereafter; 2. George, who married Margaret, daughter of George D'acres, of Cheſhunt, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, George, who died S. P. and two daughters, that were his coheirs, viz. Anne, married to Sir Dudley Carleton, of Brightwell, in com. Berks, Knt. vice-chamberlain to King Charles I. ambaſſador, firſt, to Venice, then to Savoy, and afterwards to Holland; created lord Carleton, of Imbercourt, in Surry, and ſent, with the order of the garter, to Henry, prince of Orange, and created viſcount Dorcheſter, of Dorcheſter, in com. Oxon. made ſecretary of ſtate, and of the privy-council, and died, Feb. 15, 1631. Frances, the other daughter, married Sir

(*a*) Alured Attegare, of Buckland, in Kent, had iſſue, Sir Simon Attegare, of Buckland, in Sittingborne, Knt. who was father of Stephen Attegare, alias Garrard. In the church of Sittingborne, there is a fair monument of a knight of this race. N. B. The Garrards are yet in poſſeſſion of fair lands in Sittingborne, which were the lands of Simon Attegare, abovementioned, ſo that it ſeemeth, this Stephen, was the firſt who left the name of Attegare, and aſſum'd the name of Garrard. Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. II. p. 18. (*b*) Stow's Survey, vol. II. b. 5. p. 132.

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Sir Richard Harriſon, of Hurſt, in Berks, Knt. 3. Sir John Garrard, Knt. hereafter mentioned.

In St. Magnus's church, near London-bridge, is this inſcription for Sir William, the father of theſe ſons, on a fair monument (a):

> Sir William Gerrard, Haberdaſher, Mayor, 1555, a grave, ſober, wiſe, and diſcreet Citizen, equal with the beſt, and inferior to none of our time, deceaſed 1571, in the Pariſh of St. Chriſtopher, but was buried in this Church of St. Magnus, as in the Pariſh where he was born.

Sir William Garrard, of Dorney, Knt. the eldeſt ſon and heir, married Elizabeth, daughter to Sir Thomas Roe, Knt. lord-mayor of London, (and Mary, his wife, daughter of Sir John Greſham, of London, Knt.) by whom he had ſeveral children: he died, Nov. 17, 1607, and lies buried in Dorney-church, where a very fine monument is erected to his memory, with this inſcription:

> Hic ſitus eſt, Lector, Guilielmus Garrardus, Miles, (Filius Guilielmi Garrardi, Militis) Vir de quo Fama communis non mentitur, Fide, Innocentia, Pietate inſignis ſingulari Beneficentia in Egenos, & qui ſic obiit ut vivere docuerit.
>
> Obiit 17 Nov. An. Dom. 1607. Ætat. ſuæ 70.
>
> Cujus Oſſibus Uxor ejus Elizabetha Filiæ Thomæ Rowe, Militis, Concordia Mariti 39 Ann. Fortunata, Numeroſa prole beata, hoc vero acerbo Officio mœſtiſſima ne quos ſingularis Amor conjunxerat, Mors ipſa devideret hoc Monumentum poſ. et ſibi, ac ſuis deſtinavit.
>
> Henry, John, William, George, Thomas, William, Henry, died unmarried.
> Mary, married Kedderminſter.
> Anne, married Hynde.
> Elizabeth, unmarried.
> Judith, married Greſham.
> Jane, Katherine, unmarried.
> Martha, married Palmer.
> Katherine, unmarried.
>
> Hoc Socer ipſe ſuis Monumentum ſumptibus ornat,
> Et fieri genero rem, moderante jubet.
> Johannes Kedderminſter, in medio.
> Auxit at hoc genero Conjux Soceriq; ſed illa,
> Fletibus, hæc autem ſumptibus & lacrymis.

Sir

(a) Stow's Survey, vol. I. b. 2. p. 175.

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Sir William, leaving no iſſue male, was ſucceeded by his brother, Sir John Garrard, (or Gerrard) Knt. who was ſheriff of London, 1592, and lord-mayor thereof (*a*), 1601, he married Jane, daughter of Mr. Richard Partridge, of London, and died May 7, 1625, leaving two ſons and ſix daughters, and was buried in St. Magnus church, with his father, where, on a fair monument, in the ſouth iſle of the chancel, is this inſcription for him and his lady (*b*):

> Here lieth interred the Bodies of Sir John Gerrard, Knt. and Dame Jane, his Wife, who was Daughter to Richard Partridge, Citizen and Haberdaſher of London, by whom he had 13 Children; five whereof died young. They lived comfortably together, 43 Years.
>
> He was Lord-Mayor of London, in the Year 1601.
>
> She departed this Life, the 24 Jan. 1616; and he left this World, the 7 of May, 1625, being 79 Years old; leaving only 2 Sons, and ſix Daughters behind him.
>
> This Monument was erected at the Charges of Benedict Gerrard, Gent. his youngeſt Son, 1629.

Sir John Garrard, Knt. his eldeſt ſon and heir, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 19 Jac. I. he married twice, firſt, Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter of Sir Edward Barkham, Knt. lord-mayor of London, 1621, by whom he had ſix ſons, and eight daughters; ſhe died, April 17, 1632, and lies buried in the north iſle of the church of Whethampſtead, in the county of Hertford: upon a handſome marble monument (whereon is placed two marble figures, at full length, of Sir John Garrard, and dame Elizabeth, his wife,) is the following inſcription:

> Here lyeth the Body of the virtuous Lady, Dame Elizabeth Garrard, late Wife of Sir John Garrard, Knt. and Bart. one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of this County, Son of Sir John Garrard, and Grandchild of Sir William Garrard, Knts. both of them ſometime Lord-Mayors of the City of London, whoſe Anceſtors lie buried in the Pariſh-church of Sittingburne, in Kent, but themſelves in the Pariſh-church of St. Magnes, in London: She was the eldeſt Daughter of Sir Edward Barkham, Knt. ſometime Lord-Mayor of the City of London, married, in the Year of our Lord, 1611; called by God out of this Life, the 17th day of April, in the Year of our Lord, 1632, being then in the 39 Year of her Age, Mother of 14 Children, 6 Sons, and 8 Daughters, (whereof two, a Son and a Daughter, went before her

(*a*) Stow's Survey, vol. II. b. 5. p. 139. (*b*) Ibid. vol. I. b. 2. p. 175.

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her to Heaven, the reſt ſhe left behind her upon Earth, firſt commending them, by devout Prayers, unto God, and then delivering them over, with hearty Deſires, to her beloved Huſband, to be further inſtructed in the fear of God;) towards God a moſt faithful Child, towards her Huſband a loyal Spouſe, towards her Children a moſt loving Mother, towards the Poor a moſt charitable Neighbour. In Health, praiſing God, in Sickneſs, bearing patiently; ſhe lived moſt godly, and died moſt comfortly, bequeathing her Body unto Earth, in aſſured Hope of a bleſſed Reſurrection, and her Soul unto God, in confidence of her Salvation.

Sir John, married to his ſecond lady, Elizabeth, relict of Sir Moulton Lambard, of Sevenoake, in Kent, Knt. by whom he had no iſſue.

Sir John Garrard, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to his father, married Jane, daughter of Sir Moulton Lambard, Knt. and died 1685, leaving Sir John, his ſucceſſor, Sir Samuel, and four daughters, Elizabeth, married, firſt, to Sir Nicholas Gould, Knt. and ſecondly, to Thomas Neale, Eſq; groom-porter; Jane, to Sir Thomas Spencer, of Yarrington, in com. Oxon. Bart. the third, to —— Farrington, Eſq; ſerjeant at law, and the youngeſt daughter, married Richard Emerton, of Mackrey-end, in com. Hertford, Eſq;

Sir John Garrard, Bart. ſucceſſor to his father, married Catherine, daughter and coheir of Sir James Enyon, of Flower, in com. Northton, Knt. relict of Sir George Buſwell, of Clipſton, in com. Northton, Bart. and died, January 13, 1700, leaving one daughter, Jane, his ſole heir, married to Montague Drake, of Shardelows, in com. Bucks, Eſq; father of the late Montague-Garrard Drake, Eſq; This Sir John, lies buried in the north iſle of Whethampſtead-church, where, on a marble monument, is this inſcription:

To the Memory of
Sir John Garrard, Bart. eldeſt Son of Sir John Garrard, Bart. of Lamar, in the County of Hertford; Who married Dame Catherine, Relict of Sir George Buſwell, Bart. of Clipſton, in the County of Northhampton, and one of the Daughters and Coheirs of Sir James Enyon, Knt. of the County of Northampton, by whom he had iſſue, one only Daughter, Jane, married to Montague Drake, Eſq; of Shardelois, in the County of Bucks. He died the 13th of January, A. D. 1700. aged 62 Years.

Whereupon the dignity fell to his next brother, Sir Samuel Garrard, Bart. who ſerved ſeveral years in parliament, temp.

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temp. Q. Anne, for Agmondeſham, in Bucks, and was lord-mayor of London, 1710: he married two wives, firſt, Elizabeth, daughter of George Poyner, of Coddicote-Bury, in com. Hertford, Eſq; who died in childbed, leaving no iſſue. His ſecond lady was, Jane, daughter of Thomas Benet, of Salthrop, in com. Wilts, Eſq; by whom he left three ſons, 1. Sir Samuel, his ſucceſſor; 2. Thomas Garrard, Eſq; common ſerjeant of the city of London, who married, March, 173$\frac{4}{5}$, the only daughter of Robert Gay, of Hatton-garden, Eſq; formerly repreſentative in parliament for the city of Bath; and 3. Benet, who is unmarried. Sir Samuel, died ſenior alderman of London, and preſident of Bridewel and Bethlem hoſpitals, March 10, 1724, and lies buried in Whethampſtead church, where, on a handſome marble monument, is the following inſcription:

> In a Vault near this Place, are depoſited the Remains of that worthy Magiſtrate, Sir Samuel Garrard, of Lamer, in this Pariſh, and County, Baronet, Lord-Mayor of the City of London, in the Year 1710, many Years Member in Parliament for the Burrough of Agmondeſham, in the County of Bucks, one of the Deputy-Lieutenants of this County, and Preſident of Bethlehem and Bridewell Hoſpitals, all which Places of publick Truſt and high Honour, he executed with the greateſt Integrity, Impartiality, and Juſtice, which made him beloved and reſpected by the Good, and feared and envyed only by the Bad. Nor was he leſs to be regarded for his Behaviour in private Life, being an affectionate Husband, a tender Father, a true Friend, a kind Maſter, and a liberal Benefactor.
>
> So that he died univerſally lamented, on the 10th of March, 1724, in the 74th Year of his age, having been twice married; firſt, to Elizabeth, Daughter of George Poyner, of Coddicote-Bury, in this County, Eſq; by whom he had no Iſſue; and ſecondly, to Jane, Daughter of Thomas Benet, of Salthrop, in the County of Wilts, Eſq; formerly Member of Parliament for Marlborough, in that County, (who erected this Monument in memory of the beſt of Husbands,) and by whom he had 12 Children, 7 Sons, and 5 Daughters, of which, only 3 Sons, viz. the preſent Sir Samuel Garrard, Thomas, and Benet, ſurvived him.

Sir Samuel Garrard, his eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father in dignity and eſtate, and is the preſent baronet, as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Argent, on a Feſs, Sable, a Lion paſſant of the firſt.
CREST: On a Wreath, a Leopard Seiant, proper.
SEAT: At *Lamer*, in *Hertfordſhire*.

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61. GROSVENOR, of Eaton, Cheshire.

(Sir RICHARD, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, Feb. 23, 1621.

THIS name has been variously written, as Grosvenor, Le Grosvenor, Le Grosvenour, Grovenor, Le Grovenour, Le Groveneur.

They are descended from a long train of illustrious ancestors, in the male line, who have flourished in Normandy, from the time of its first erection into a sovereign dukedom, to the conquest of England, having been ranked always with the foremost there either for nobleness of blood, or power; being descended from an uncle of (*a*) Rollo, first duke thereof; and having had the government of many castles and strong holds, and likewise the possession of that high office of honour and power, of le Grovenour, in those dominions, from which office, it is certain they took their surname.

The ancestor of this family, accompanied his cousin, Rollo, with his Danes, or Normans, into England, anno Christi 876, in the reign of King Alfred the Great, where having wintered, (and after some attempts,) despairing of procuring a settlement, resolved to go in quest of one in France, which they invaded, and (in the reign of King Edward, the elder, in England,) Rollo, the famous chief of the Normans, in France, had gotten such firm footing in Neustria, that it was not in the power of the French to drive him out; Charles the Simple, then King of France, was forced, in order to free himself from the continual fears of so troublesome a neighbour, to give him a grant of that part of Neustria, he was possessed of, lying between the Seine, and the Epte, with the title of duke of Normandy. The conditions were, that Rollo, should do homage to the crown of France, be baptized, and marry, Giselle, the King's daughter; all which he performed, and afterwards liberally rewarded his kinsmen, his companions, and the rest of his fellow adventurers.

In the year 1066, William, the bastard, seventh duke of Normandy, from Rollo, landed at Pevensey, in Sussex, and, after having

(*a*) Ex inspex. Dom. Rob. Grosvenor, Bar. (*b*) Ibid.

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having vanquiſhed King Harold, at the battle of Haſtings, towards the Chriſtmas following, was elected and crowned King of England. Amongſt thoſe that accompanied him in this expedition, were, Robert, earl of Mortaigne, and Odo, biſhop of Bajeux, the duke's uterine brothers; and Hugh Lupus, earl of Auranches, their nephew; and Gilbert le Groſvenor (*a*), his nephew, as is evident from a record now in the Tower of London, of a famous ſuit had before the high-conſtable, and high-marſhal of England, and others, commiſſioned for that purpoſe, which laſted three years, and ended the 12th of Rich. II. between Sir Richard le Scroope, late lord high-chancellor of England, and Sir Robert le Groſvenor, about their coat of arms, viz. Azure, one Bend, Or; wherein, by the teſtimony of old chronicles, old deeds, and other ancient records of monaſteries, &c. then produced, and by the teſtimony of the following nobility, and gentlemen, then bearing arms, viz. John, duke of Lancaſter, King of Caſtile and Leon, the earl of Derby, earl of Arundel, lord D'Arcy, lord Grey, of Ruthyn, the earl of Northumberland, the duke of Warwick, lord Poynings, Stephen, abbot of Vale-Royal, of the Ceſtertian order, Sir Owen de Glendore, Sir John le Maſſy, de Podington, knight-banneret, Sir Laurence de Dutton, knight-banneret, Sir Hugh de Browe, knight-banneret, Richard de Monlegh, Robert de Puſeldon, Morgan de Yonge, John de Hanmere, John Decka, Tudor de Glendore, Howell de Eton, James de Eton, Thomas Sampeer, Sir William de Brereton, knight-banneret, Thomas de Davenport, John de Leyceſtre, Rauſe de Leyceſtre, Hugh de Hulle, Richard de Legh, Richard de Vernon, Thomas de Legh, de Northwolde, John de Maſſy, Hugh de Legh, Sir William de Legh, knight-banneret, Sir William de Atherton, knight-banneret, Sir Roger de Pilkington, knight-banneret, Rauſe de Langton, baron de Newton, Henry de Rixton, Roger de Bradſhagh, John de Haddock, Rauſe de Standiſh, William de Chiſnall, John de Aſhurſt, Richard de Atherton, Matthew de Sothworth, Sir William de Atherton, Knt. Matthew de Haidock, Roger de Atherton, Robert de Par, Henry de Tildeſleigh, Gilbert de Culcheth, Hugh de Winſtanlegh, Matthew de Tildeſlegh, Henry de Par, John de Holcroft, Sir Richard de Bold, knight-banneret, Aleyn de Rixton, Richard de Maſſe, de Rixton, Gilbert de Burgg, Hugh de Welſton, William de Moſton, Randulph de Manwaring, William de Stanlegh, John Mainwaring, Geoffrey de Boydell, Sir John de Aſhton, knight-banneret, John Pygot, Robert de Stanlegh, Eſq; William de Hulme, Eſq; John

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid.

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John de Cliffe, de Macclesfield, Esq; John Fitz-Richard, de Sutton, Esq; Robert de Holland, John de Holland, Raufe de Stanlegh, John de Radecleve, de Dordeshall, John de Dockenfield, Esq; Thomas de Haschton, John de Legh, Geoffrey de Legh, William de Sodington, Robert de Downes, John de Davenport, de Bromhall, John de Dokenfeld, Geoffrey de Vernon, Robert de Hyde, John de Henford, Geoffrey Massy, Nicholas de Rixton, Roger le Prior de ——, William de Tranmer, Thomas le Vernon, John Boteler, de Verton, William del Slene, Nicholas Orrell, Roger de Barton, Robert de Pilkington, de Rorrington, Yonet de Bradshaw, John de Trafford, Thomas de Pynnington, John de Urmiston, Thomas de Horneby, Sir Thomas Fleminge, knight-banneret, Edmund de Dacre, John de Bache, John de Raudford, Sir John de Dalton, knight-banneret, Adam de Levere, Richard de Hilton, Edward de Lathum, Robert de Wastbynton, Robert de Bradshawe, Sir Robert de Hassal, Thomas Hesketh, Nicholas de Rigby, Thomas de Halghton, Henry Bradshawe, Richard Talbot, William de Hilton, Richard de Holland, Thomas de Merbury, John de Halum, William de Legh, David de Cruwe, David de Malpas, John Dann, de Utkinton, Henry de Beeston, John de Etoun, Hugh de Coton, Raufe de Egerton, Robert de Colwich, abbot of the abby of Combermere, William Danyell, Roger de Moldeworth, Robert Danyell, Robert de Hassall, John de Frodesham, Hugh de Coton, John de Burghe, John de Holford, William de Merston, abbot of St. Warburge, de Chester, many or some of them who depose their having seen in the chronicles, old deeds, and other records of monasteries, that Hugh Lupus, commonly called the first earl of Chester, after the conquest, nephew to William, the conqueror, of England, came into England, with the said William, and with the said earl Hugh, came, one Gilbert le Grosvenor, nephew of the said earl Hugh, armed with the arms aforesaid, viz. Azure, one Bend, D'Or, and that he bore the same to his death; from which Gilbert, descended Robert, his son and heir, and he used the same arms all his time; and from the said Robert, came one Henry; and from Henry, came Rause; and from Rause, came Robert; and from the said Robert, came another Robert; and from that Robert, came Rause; and from that same Rause, came Sir Robert le Grosvenor, who is now the defendant of these arms, which arms, all and every of them, successively, and by right of male descent, have born, and the same used peaceably and quietly, without the claim or challenge of any one whatsoever, down to this present contest, occasioned by Sir Richard le Scroope, being armed with these arms, as well as Sir Robert le Grosvenor, in the late expedition of Monsieur, the King, into Scotland; and except

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that Sir John Danyell, knight-banneret, in behalf of the ſaid Sir Robert le Groſvenor, (being his ſon-in-law, and an infant,) challenged in France, an eſquire of Cornwall, one Carminaw, by name, upon ſeeing him armed with the ſaid arms, and that the ſaid Sir John Danyell, did maintain the ſaid armes in battaile againſt him; and further they depoſed, that they had heard from perſons of rank, and antient people whom they could believe and credit, that all and every of the aforeſaid anceſtors of the ſaid Sir Robert le Groſvenor, had always borne and uſed the ſaid arms, and that this was the common and received opinion of the matter, throughout the county of Cheſter, and in other parts and counties adjacent; and they or ſome of them, further depoſe, that he the ſaid Sir Robert le Groſvenor, armed with theſe arms, accompanied, and was harbenger to Sir James D'Audley, then lieutenant to the lord Edward, prince of Wales, commonly called, Edward, the Black Prince, for ſeventeen years laſt paſt, and was in Berry, and Algayne, *del Tour de Broſe, & à Iſſoudon & à la ſiege de Roch-ſirion, en Peyto, en Gyan, & à Viers en Normandè, & en Battaile de Poictiers*, (where the ſaid Sir James D'Audley, gained the greateſt honour for his extraordinary valour, and bounty, and generoſity to his eſquires and followers,) and that the ſaid Sir Robert le Groſvenor, being armed, as aforeſaid, was at the victory of Najara, in Spain, 1367, and with the ſaid lord Edward, the prince, in his laſt action, at Limages, 1370, and that Raufe le Groſvenor, an anceſtor of the ſaid Sir Robert, was at Lincoln, with his couſin Ranulph, earl of Cheſter, and armed as aforeſaid, 1141, when King Stephen, was taken priſoner; and again, 1143, with his ſaid couſin, the earl of Cheſter, when he was purſued, and himſelf taken priſoner.

In the year 1070, King William I. gave the town and county of Cheſter, to Hugh Lupus, together with the earldom thereof, &c. and to Odo, biſhop of Bajeux, his half-brother, he gave the earldom of Kent, and made him juſticiary of England, and (after the death of Fitz-Oſtorn,) vice-roy of the whole kingdom; and to Robert, earl of Mortaigne, his other half-brother, he gave the earldom of Cornwall; and Hugh Lupus, earl of Cheſter, after the battle of Nampwich, parted the lordſhip of Loſtock, and gave the one moiety, which was called Nether-Loſtock, to Sir Hugh Rowchamp, progenitor of John de Holford, (who was an evidence in this cauſe, and at the time of giving his evidence, was of the age of forty-four years,) and the other moiety, called Over-Loſtock, he gave to Robert, ſon of Gilbert le Groſvenor, and is the inheritance of the defendant, by lineal male ſucceſſion.

And Robert, another anceſtor of the ſaid Sir Robert, was armed with the ſaid arms, with the late King Edward III. when he lay before

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before Vannes, in Brittaigne; and likewiſe two years after, at the paſſage over the Somme, and the battle of Creſſy, and at the ſiege of Calais; and that Robert, an anceſtor of the ſaid Sir Robert, was armed as aforeſaid, with King Richard I. 1190, at Meſſina, in Sicily; and 1191, at the conquering of Cyprus, and at the taking the city of Acon, or Ptolemais, defended by the power of Saladin, and at the relief of Joppa, where Saladin, was repulſed. And Robert, another anceſtor of the ſaid Sir Robert, was in Scotland, with King Edward II. in his wars. And many of them likewiſe depoſed, that they had ſeen the ſaid arms painted in glaſs windows, and upon ſhields, ſtandards, pennons, buildings, edifices, tombs, ſepulchres, or monuments, and other places, as the arms of the ſaid Sir Robert, and his anceſtors; and particularly, in the ſeveral churches of Great-Budworth, Mobberley, Tarvin, Warton, Chriſtleton, Stockport, Lymme, Sandbach, Aldford, Middewich, Namptwich, St. Werburge, in Cheſter, the Fryars-Minors, in Cheſter, St. Mary, in Cheſter, Vale-Royal abby, Cumbermere abby, the chapels of Hulme, Over-Pever, Nether-Pever, Witton, Bonches, and Bold, and at Dutton, and Bradley; and likewiſe had ſeen ſeveral charters, records, and other deeds, belonging to the ſaid Sir Robert, and his anceſtors, ſealed with ſeals engraved with the ſaid arms, and which were with the regiſter, to be by him properly exhibited before the lord the conſtable, and the lord the marſhal of England; and the ſaid Howel de Eton, James de Eton, Sir William de Brereton, knight-banneret, Thomas de Davenport, John de Leyceſtre, Rauſe de Leyceſtre, Sir Richard de Bold, knight-banneret, Randulph de Manwaring, John Manwaring, Rauſe de Stanlegh, Thomas de Stanlegh, Robert de Downes, John de Davenport, de Bromhall, Robert de Hyde, Thomas le Vernon, John de Eton, Robert de Haſſall, John de Frodſham, and Hugh de Coton, do further depoſe, that they be couſins to the ſaid Sir Robert le Grovenor, defendant.

It appears by the ſaid trial, that Sir Richard le Scroope, 1346, in his expedition againſt the Scots, challenged an eſquire of Cornwall, of the name of Carminaw, and upon examination before the knights, and eſquires, there preſent, it was alledged, that Sir Richard le Scroope, and his anceſtors had born the ſaid arms ever ſince the conqueſt of England; and on the part of Carminaw, it was alledged, that he and his anceſtors had borne the ſaid armes, ever ſince the time of King Arthur; wherefore they adjudged them both to continue the bearing the ſaid arms And the ſentence of the court, in the cauſe of le Scroope, and le Groſvenor, was, that the ſaid le Scroope, ſhould bear the ſaid arms of Azure, an Bend d'Or, as before, and that le Groſvenor, ſhould bear the

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ſaid arms, but with a Bordure d'Argent; from which ſentence he appealed to the King himſelf; before whom, by his commiſſioners, the whole pleadings were review'd, and the affair was compromiſed thus; that Sir Richard le Scroope, ſhould continue the uſage of the ſaid arms, and that Sir Robert le Groſvenor, ſhould either uſe the ſaid arms with a Bordure, as in the ſentence, or elſe might bear inſtead of the Bend, Or, a Garb, Or; from the arms of the ancient earls of Cheſter, his conſanguinity to them having been ſo fully proved in the ſaid trial; whereupon, Sir Robert, ever after, gave for his arms, Azure, Garb, d'Or.

Hugh Lupus, earl of Cheſter, 6 Will. Rufus, when he grew into years, diſpoſed himſelf to ſeveral works of piety, (as his munificence to the monaſtery of Bee, and the foundation of St. Severus, both in Normandy, do well witneſs;) and in 1093, he began the foundation of a new one, for monks of St. Bennet's order, in Cheſter, and endowed very largely, and plentifully, as may be ſeen in the original charter, *penes decan. & capit. Ceſtriæ*, to which, Ranulph, and Ernoiſe, two of the family of the Groſvenors, are witneſſes.

And by this charter, he gave liberty to each of his principal barons, to give C^s. per ann. land thereto, and to all others, as much as they were able to beſtow, &c.

Amongſt his barons, and great men, which were the next benefactors thereto, we meet with ſeveral of this family who gave lands in Loſtock, in Cotintune, in Lay, in Bradford, in Nampwich, in Brocktune, as appears by earl Richard's confirmation, dated at Gralam, 1119, 19 Hen. I. they likewiſe were benefactors to their uncle's foundations of Bee, and St. Severus, in Normandy.

In doomſday-book, begun and finiſhed between the 14 and 15 years of Will. I. we find the earl of Cheſter, had, inter alia, Lay, Codynton, prope Farndon, and Little-Budworth, which he afterwards beſtowed upon this family; and that Giſlebertus Venator, held of the earl, Newbold, Aſtbery, Bretone, or Brereton, ſome lands in Kindarton, Danport, Witton, cum Twambrook, Blakenhall, juxta Chorlton; and that Radulphus Venator, held of the earl, Stapleford, Brocketune, Sutone; and that Warmund Venator, held of the earl, Bruncot, in North-Wales; and in *Libro Rubro in Scaccario*, we find that Richard le Groſvenor, held the manor de Budworth, en le Frith, with its appurtenances, of our lord the King, as earl of Cheſter, in capite, by the ſervice of one knight's fee, 23 Edw. I.

And it appears that, anno 1234, 18 Hen. III. Richard le Groſvenor (*a*), purchaſed Hulme, in Alloſtock, and Nether-Loſtock, of

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid.

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of Gralam, ſon of Richard de Runchamp, who was ſon to Henry de Runchamp, lord of Nether-Loſtock; and that in 1269, it was agreed, betwen the prior, and convent of Norton, of the one part, and Richard le Groſvenor, and other pariſhioners of Nether-Pever chapel, on the other part; that the prior of Norton, ſhould find them a ſecular chaplain, to ſay divine ſervice, &c. and the pariſhioners to find books, veſtments, veſſels, and other ornaments of the church, at their own coſts; (the original, penes Shakerley, of Hulme.) Nether-Pever, was purchaſed by Robert le Groſvenor, of Hulme, about the reign of Edward I. in which reign, the ſaid Robert, ſerved the office of ſheriff of Cheſter, for ſeveral years, viz. 12, 13, 14, and 15 Edw. I. etiam 16 Edw. I. the ſaid Robert, married one of the ſeven daughters of William de Mobberley, of the county of Cheſter, Eſq; by his ſecond wife, Maud, daughter and heir of Robert Downes, of Chorley, juxta Werford, and had iſſue, Sir Robert, as is ſet forth above, in the record afore mentioned. Note, the above named William de Mobberley, was ſheriff of Cheſhire, 13 Edw. II. 1319, and had iſſue by his former wife, Sir Rauſe de Mobberley, and Cicely, a daughter, who married to John Dumville, the younger of Mobberley, 3 Edw. III. 1329; and the ſaid William Mobberley, died 1 Edw. III. 1327; and Sir Rauſe Mobberley, of Mobberley, the ſon, dying without iſſue, in France, 35 Edw. III. 1361, his ſiſter, Ciceley, inherited the Mobberley lands; and his ſiſters of the half blood, being the daughters of his father, William Mobberley, and Maud Downes, aforementioned, became heirs to their mother's lands, in Chorley, aforeſaid. Mary, one of the daughters of the above Robert le Groſvenor, married Edmund Sherard, who became heir to his brother, 12 Edw. I. 1284, and was ſon of Sir Thomas Sherard, Knt. a perſon of great note, in the reign of Henry III. and who was deſcended from Sherard, who was reſident in England, and had great poſſeſſions in the counties of Cheſter, and Lancaſter, in the reign of Will. I. which Mary, wife of the ſaid William Sherard, died 1297, 26 Edw. I. leaving William Sherard, ſon and heir, and lineal anceſtor to the preſent dutcheſs dowager of Rutland, and to the preſent lord Sherard, earl of Harborough.

Sir Robert le Groſvenor (*a*), lord of Hulme, ſon and heir of Robert, married Emma, daughter of Waring de Maynwaring, de Pever, and had iſſue; vixit temp. Ed. III.

Sir Robert le Groſvenor (*b*), the defendant, ſon and heir of Rauſe, the ſon and heir of Sir Robert, married firſt, Joan, one of

(*a*) Ex inf. ibid. (*b*) Ibid.

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the daughters of Sir John Daniers, vulgo Danyell, of Tabley, in the county of Chester, knight-banneret, by whom he had no issue; and after his coming home from the wars, in France, he married to his second wife, Joan, or Jane, sometimes called Jocelin, daughter to Sir Robert de Pulford, lord of Pulford, in the county of Chester, Knt. the widow of Thomas Belgrave, and who afterwards became heir to her brother, John de Pulford, lord of Pulford, aforesaid, and had issue. This Sir Robert le Grosvenor, was sheriff of the county of Chester, *quam diu nobis placuerit*, by an ancient writ now remaining in the exchequer, at Chester, dated Jan. 1, 12 Ric. II. 1388; he was again sheriff of the said county, 18 Ric. II. 1394, and died the 19th or 20th Ric. II. 1396.

Note, John de Pulford, to whom dame Joan le Grosvenor, his sister, became heir, was the son and heir of Sir Robert de Pulford, by dame Joan, his wife, (who surviving him, took to her second husband, Richard de Boseley,) vixit 22 Ed. III. 1348, when Sir James Audley, was sheriff of the county of Chester; and Sir Robert de Pulford, was the son of Sir Robert, lord of Pulford, living 2 Ed. II. 1308, which last Sir Robert de Pulford, was the son of another Sir Robert de Pulford, lord of Pulford, who was in Scotland, with King Edward I.

Sir Thomas le Grosvenor, Knt. lord of Hulme, in Allostock, son and heir to Sir Robert, married Joan, one of the daughters and heirs of Sir William Phesant, of the county of Stafford, Knt. and was living 10 Hen. V. 1422, and had issue male four sons, viz. Robert, Raufe, Thomas, and Randulph; (of the three last, we shall mention hereafter;) and his wife surviving him, married to her second husband, Sir Thomas del Roche, Knt. and was living 9 Hen. VI. 1431.

Robert le Grosvenor, lord of Hulme, son and heir of Sir Thomas (*a*), was, in Hen. VI's wars, in France, the most part of his reign; he married Jonet, alias Johanne, daughter to Sir Jeoffry de Chedell, Knt. and had issue six daughters, his coheirs, viz. Elizabeth, Emme, Catherine, Margaret, Anne, and Margery, who divided his estates by deed of partition, dated anno 1465, 5 Ed. IV. and he died in possession of Hulme, Allostock, Lostock, Gralam, Nether-Pever, Donam, Barton, Alderley, Broxton, Chorley, Buyerton, Pulford, and lands in Claverton, nigh Chester, and in Honbridge, nigh Chester, all these in the county of Chester, and had considerable possessions too in the county of Stafford. Elizabeth, the eldest daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, married

(*a*) Ex inspex. ibid.

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married unto Peter Dutton, of Hatton, Esq; 24 Hen. VI. 1446; he was son and heir of John Dutton, of Hatton, Esq; she was living 9 Ed. IV. 1469, but died in her husband's life-time, and left issue, Peter Dutton, jun. Rause, Richard, and Randle; and Peter Dutton, jun. married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Robert Fowlesshurst, of Cruwe, in the county of Chester, Knt. and had issue, Sir Piers Dutton, of Hatton, and Dutton, Knt. who died 37 Hen. VIII. 1545, leaving many sons and daughters, whose eldest daughter, Catherine, married first, to Sir Roger Pulesston, alias Pilston, of Emral, in the county of Flint, and afterwards, to Richard Grosvenor, second son to Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, Esq; by whom she had issue. Emme, second daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, married unto John Legh, of the Booths, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue only one daughter and heir, named Elizabeth, who married unto Piers Shakerleigh, and had issue; and Emme, to her second husband, married Ralph Egerton, Esq; who survived her; they were both living, 5 Hen. VII. 1490, and had issue.

Note, By the above match, the Shakerleighs, became lords of Hulme, and fifth part of all Allostock, &c. and continue so to this time, 1741.

Catherine, third daughter, and one of the coheirs to Robert, married first, unto Richard Winnington, of Winnington, in the county of Chester, Esq; and unto William Venables, afterwards, and by her first husband had three sons, Richard, Peter, and George; and two daughters, Jane, and Elizabeth, all living, 5 Hen. VII. 1490. This lady had the lordship of Pulford, in Cheshire, and other lands, by the said deed of Partition, 5 Ed. IV. and a fifth part of her sister Margery Grosvenor's share, she dying unmarried; by another deed of partition, 14 Ed. IV.

Richard Winnington, her eldest son and heir, married Joan Smith, and had issue two daughters, viz. Catherine, who died without issue, 23 Hen. VII. 1508, as appears by her office, taken 6 Hen. VIII. 1515; and Elizabeth, who married Sir Piers Warburton, of Arley, 2 Hen. VIII. 1511, being then sole daughter and heir; for Richard, died 19 Hen. VII. 1504: Joan, his wife, died 24 Hen. VII. 1509; and Sir Piers Warburton, died 4 Ed. VI. 1550; and Elizabeth, his wife, daughter and heir of Richard Winnington, Esq; died 6 Mariæ, 1558.

Note, Warburton, of Arley, had, by this match, all the lands then belonging to Winnington, of Winnington, also Pulford, and other lands, and also a fifth part of Margery's share of Grosvenor's lands, before mentioned, which descended also, and are enjoyed by the same family to this time, 1741.

Margaret, fourth daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, married unto Thomas Leicester, of Nether-Tabley, Esq; she was living,

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living, 9 Ed. IV. 1469; ſhe died before her huſband, and left iſſue, from whom is deſcended the preſent Sir Francis Leiceſter, Bart. This lady's diviſion, was a moiety of Nether-Pever, cum Little-Pever, the third of Over-Alderley, the third part of Pygrave wood, in the demeſne lands of Alloſtock, in the county of Cheſter, and certain lands in Hope, juxta Aſton-Field, in the county of Stafford; and Margery Groſvenor, the ſixth daughter, and one of the coheirs of Robert, dying, as above, John Leiceſter, ſon and heir of Thomas, had, in right of his mother, as ſiſter and coheir to Margery, a fifth part of Alloſtock, &c. by partition, dated 14 Ed. IV. as above. Anne, or Agnes, fifth daughter, and one of the coheirs to Robert, married, 9 Ed. IV. 1469, unto Sir William Stanley, of Hooton, Knt. and had iſſue, from whom is deſcended, Sir Rowland Stanley, now of Hooton, Bart. this lady's part was, Bayerton, Newbolde, and other lands in Cheſhire, with a fifth part of her ſiſter Margery's ſhare, who died unmarried, as above.

Raufe le Groſvenor, (ſecond ſon of Sir Thomas le Groſvenor, lord of Hulme,) ſometimes called Rawline, brother and heir male to Sir Robert Groſvenor, of Hulme, Knt. married two wives; firſt, Joan, ſole daughter and heir unto John Eton, of Eton, near Cheſter, Eſq; and had iſſue, ſons and daughters, viz. Robert, ſon and heir, Richard, James, Jonet, and Alice; but by his ſecond wife, who was Ellyn, daughter to Jenkin Manley, Eſq; we find no iſſue; which ſaid John Eton, the father of Joan, was ſon of John de Eton, lord of Eton, and Stockton, who married Beatrice, and died 3 Hen. V. 1415; and this John, was the ſon of another John, who married Margaret, daughter unto Henry de Weſton, Eſq; and this ſame John, was ſon to Richard de Eton, who married Joan, and were living together 20 Ed. III. 1346; he died, 5 Rich. II. 1381, and was the ſon of Robert de Eton, and Iſabel, his wife, who was heir of William de Stockton, lord of Stockton, and were both living, 5 Ed. II. 1311; and this Robert de Eton, was the ſon of Richard de Eton, ſon and heir of another Richard de Eton, who was ſon and heir of another Richard, who was ſon to William de Eton, and heir to another William, who was ſon and heir to another William de Eton, whoſe firſt name is unfound.

Thomas Groſvenor, third ſon of Sir Thomas le Groſvenor, Knt. married (*a*) Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Richard Perſhall, de Chetwynd, and Billaport, in the county of Salop, Eſq; temp. Hen.

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid.

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Hen. VII. and had iſſue, Randolph Groſvenor, of Bellaport, his ſon and heir, who married Margaret, one of the daughters of Randal Maynwaring, of Carrigham, and had iſſue, Randolph, ſon and heir, who married Anne, daughter of William Charlton, of Apley, in the county of Salop, Eſq; and had iſſue, Thomas Groſvenor, ſon and heir, who married Margery, daughter of John Cotes, of Woodcote, in the county of Salop, Eſq; and had iſſue, William Groſvenor, of Bellaport, Eſq; ſon and heir, who married Anne, one of the daughters and heirs of William Heywood, of Stonelow, in the county of Stafford, Eſq; and had iſſue, William Groſvenor, of Bellaport, Eſq; ſon and heir, who married Cicely, one of the daughters of Sir Richard Maynwaring, of Ightfield, Knt. and had no iſſue.

Note, The other coheir of Richard Perſhall, married —— Pigott, and had Chetwynd, for her part, from whom the Pigotts, of Chetwynd, in com. Salop. are deſcended.

Randolph, fourth ſon of Sir Thomas le Groſvenor, Knt. living 11 Hen. VII. 1496, married —— Whitmore, from whom the Groſvenors, of Warwickſhire, derive their pedigree.

Robert, eldeſt ſon of Rauſe Groſvenor, and Joan, his wife, 8 Hen. IV. married Catherine, daughter of Sir William Norris, of Speake, in the county of Lancaſter, Knt. and had iſſue, Thomas, Richard, Catherine, and Jane, and died 12 Hen. VII. Rauſe, ſecond ſon of Robert, and Joan, married at the city of Cheſter, and had a ſon named Richard, and daughters; Alice, one of the daughters, married unto William Goodman, and had iſſue; Richard Groſvenor, the ſon, was ſheriff of Cheſter, 1492, and married Sybil, and had iſſue two ſons, one of which ſons was ſheriff of Cheſter; and nine daughters, as appeared in the glaſs windows in the church of St. Mary on the Hill, in the city of Cheſter, 1534, 26 Hen. VIII. Jonet, daughter of Rauſe, and Joan Groſvenor, married, 38 Hen. VI. to Oliver Hope, ſon of John Hope, of whom is deſcended the preſent George Hope, of Broughton, Eſq;

James Groſvenor, third ſon of Rauſe, and Joan, married Margaret, daughter unto —— Stanley, of Ewlowe, and had iſſue, Margaret, his ſole daughter and heir, who married unto Richard Oldfield, and had iſſue, who afterwards were of Bradwell, in the county of Cheſter.

Thomas Groſvenor, ſon and heir of Robert, and Catherine, married 10 Hen. VII. unto (*a*) Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Hugh Calvelea, of the Lea, in the county of Cheſter, Knt. and died 27 Hen. VII. without iſſue.

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(*a*) Ex inſ. ibid.

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Richard Groſvenor, ſecond ſon and heir of Sir Robert, after the deceaſe of his brother, Thomas, married 1 Hen. VIII. unto Catherine (*a*), third daughter, and one of the heirs of Richard Coton, of Rudware-Hampſtall, in the county of Stafford, Eſq; and had iſſue, Elizabeth, Eleanor, Catherine, Anne, Alice, Margaret, Maud, Jane, Dorothy, Mary, and Urſula; Sir Thomas, Knt. Richard, John, Anthony, and George; he died 34 Hen. VIII. 27 July, 1542. The other coheirs of Richard Coton, de Rudware, &c. were, Maud, the eldeſt, who married Sir Anthony Fitzherbert, of Norbury, juſtice of the King's-bench, 14 Hen. VIII. Eleanor, the ſecond, married to Sir William Venables; Iſabel, the fourth, married to Sir Thomas Bradburne, of Derbyſhire, Knt. and the ſaid Richard Coton, was heir to Thurcaſton, Tayme, and Maplewell, in the county of Leiceſter, Coilſton, and Roſington, in the county of Derby, Rudware Hampſtall, Poeſwood, and Aſhfield, in the county of Stafford, Coton, and Oſcroft, in the county of Cheſter; his grandfather, Richard Coton, of Rudware-Hampſtall, having married, 31 Hen. VI. unto Joan, one of the daughters, of Richard Venables, Eſq; baron of Kinderton, by Elizabeth, his wife, ſiſter and one of the heirs of Hugh Venables, baron of Kinderton, ſlain at the battle fought upon Bloreheath, 23 Sept. 1459, 38 Hen. VI. and which Hugh Venables, was deſcended from Sir Hugh de Venables, Knt. baron of Kinderton, who, in the reign of Edward I. married Agatha, daughter and heir to old Sir Rauſe Vernon, Knt. and John Coton, the father of the ſaid Richard, living 12 Hen. VI. having married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir William Faukoner, of Thurcaſton, Knt. which Sir William Faukoner, was ſon to Sir John le Faukonor, Knt. who was living 22 Rich. II. and was ſon to William le Faukoner, who was living 30 Edw. III. and was ſon to Thomas le Faukoner, who was living 14 Edw. II. and was ſon to William le Faukoner, the ſon of Sir John le Faukoner, Knt. who married Margery, daughter and heir to Geoffry, lord of Thurcaſton, ſon of Geoffry, ſon of Philip, lord of Thurcaſton, who was ſon of Robert le Faukoner, de Thurcaſton, ſon of William le Faukoner, de Thurcaſton, who married Margery de St. Par; and he was ſon of Rauſe le Faukoner, ſon of Scanard le Faukoner, ſon of Henry le Faukoner, de Thurcaſton, in the county of Leiceſter, in William, the conqueror's reign. And Edmund Coton, father of the aboveſaid John, was lord of Rudware-Hampſtall, in right of his wife, 45 Edw. III. whoſe name was Johan, the daughter and

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid.

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and heir of Walter de Rudware-Hampſtall, by Joan, his wife, daughter and heir of Walter Wallſheoſe, and Julian, his wife, daughter and heir of John Baſſinge; and the ſaid Walter Rudware, was grandſon to Sir Walter Rudware, ſon of Walter Rudware, by Matilda, his wife, daughter of Nicholas Peeke, by Hawyde, his wife, daughter of Reginald VI. uncle of the Conqueror. Catherine, eldeſt daughter of Robert, ſon of Raufe Groſvenor, firſt married Thomas Hough, of Leighton, Eſq; and to her ſecond huſband, married Sir William Venables, Knt. baron of Kinderton; by her firſt huſband ſhe had iſſue, John Hough, ſon and heir, who married Chriſtian, daughter unto Sir George Calvelea, Knt. and had iſſue, William Hough, who married Jane, daughter to Thomas, lord Cromwell, and had Alice, ſole daughter and heir, married unto William Whitmore, of Leighton, who had iſſue. And by her ſecond huſband had iſſue, Anthony Venables, and Anne Venables, who married Richard Leigh, of High-Leigh, Eſq; Jane, the youngeſt daughter of Robert, ſon of Raufe Groſvenor, married to Raufe, ſon and heir of Nicholas Leigh, of High-Leigh, Eſq; and had iſſue, 3 Edw. III. two daughters coheirs, namely, Catherine, and Jane; which Catherine, married unto —— Done, of Flaxyards, and had iſſue: her ſiſter, Jane, married to Randolph Spurſtowe, of Spurſtowe, Eſq; and had iſſue. Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter of Richard Groſvenor, by Catherine Coton, his wife, was lady of the nuns of Cheſter, 1532, 24 Hen. VIII. Eleanor, ſecond daughter married unto Thomas Reddiſh, lord of Gropenhall, and Dodelſton, &c. in the county of Cheſter, Eſq; and had iſſue a daughter, Maud, who became heir to her father, and married unto William Marbury, of Marbury, in the county of Cheſter, Eſq; and had iſſue. Catherine, third daughter, married unto Thomas Ravenſcroft, of Bretton, in the county of Flint, Eſq; ſon and heir of George, and had iſſue. Anne, fourth daughter, married unto Roger Puleſton, of Emerald, in the county of Flint, and had iſſue. Alice, fifth daughter, was a nun, at Cheſter, living 1 Eliz. Margaret, ſixth daughter, married firſt unto Raufe Birkenhead, of Trowton, in the county of Cheſter, Eſq; by whom ſhe had iſſue; and to her ſecond huſband, married George Wood, of Balterſey, juſtice of Cheſter; and to her third huſband, married John Mollineux, of the Wood, in the county of Lancaſter. Maud, ſeventh daughter, married to Humphrey Ridgeley, of Ridgeley, in the county of Stafford, Eſq; and had no iſſue. Jane, eighth daughter, married unto George Sandford, of Sandford, in the county of Salop, Eſq; and afterwards, unto Sir William Hollis, Knt. and had no iſſue. Dorothy, ninth daughter, married Richard Willbraham, of Woodhey, Eſq; ſon and heir of William Willbraham,

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ham, of Woodhey, Esq; and had issue; and to her second husband, she married Henry Seyvile, of Barteley, in the county of York, Esq; but by him had no issue. Mary, tenth daughter, married Thomas Leigh, of Adlington, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue, and likewise a second husband. Ursula, eleventh daughter, died unmarried. Richard, second son of Richard Grosvenor, and Catherine Coton, his wife, married Elizabeth, daughter to Piers Dutton, of Hatton, the relict of Sir Roger Pulestón, of Emerald, and had issue; he was sheriff of the county of Flint, 6 Edw. VI. John Grosvenor, third son of Richard, and Catherine, married, but left no issue; his son, Thomas, dying before him unmarried. Anthony Grosvenor, fourth son of Richard, and Catherine, married Uriel, daughter to Sir Roger Pulestón, of the Temple, Knt. and had issue three daughters, Elizabeth, Amy, and Frances; of whom, Elizabeth, and Frances, died unmarried; Amy, married unto Edward Bewlott, of Moreton, son and heir to Edward Bewlott, of Moreton, Esq; George Grosvenor, sixth son of Richard, and Catherine, died young.

Sir Thomas Grosvenor, Knt. eldest son and heir to Richard Grosvenor, and Catherine Coton, his wife, married 20 Hen. VIII. unto Maud (*a*), daughter of Sir William Pole, in the county of Chester, Knt. and had issue, Elizabeth, Catherine, and Grace; Thomas, and Richard. Sir Thomas, died 24 April, 1549, 3 Edw. VI. aged thirty-six, leaving his wife, a widow, who, 4 Edw. VI. married Robert Fletcher, of Ince, in the county of Chester, Esq; and was again a widow, 2 Eliz. and died 24 Eliz. 1582. Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, and Maud Pole, his wife, married unto Richard Masterson, of Namptwych, in the county of Chester, Esq; Catherine, second daughter, married unto Richard Hunt, and had issue; and after, married unto Richard Shawcross. Grace, third daughter, married unto John Massie, of Codington, Esq; and had no issue. Richard, second son, never married.

Thomas Grosvenor, eldest son of Sir Thomas Grosvenor, and Maud, his wife, married Anne, daughter unto Roger Bradshaigh, of the Haigh, in the county of Lancaster, Esq; he died 21 Eliz. 1579, and had issue, Maud, Mary, Anne, and Julian; Richard, and Thomas; Anne, his widow, afterwards married William Radcliffe, and was living 36 Eliz. Maud, eldest daughter, died unmarried. Mary, second daughter, was born 1564, 6 Eliz. married

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid.

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married George Salusbury, of Bestock, second son of Sir John Salusbury, of Llewenny, in the county of Denbigh, and dame Jane, his wife, and had issue. Anne, third daughter, married unto Roger Hurlestone, son and heir to Roger Hurlestone, of Chester, Esq; Julian, fourth daughter, born 1568, 10 Eliz. married unto Francis Broughton. Thomas, the younger son, died unmarried.

Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, eldest son and heir of Thomas, and Anne, his wife, was sheriff of the county of Chester, 44 Eliz. 1602, and married (a) Christian, daughter unto Richard Brooke, of Norton, in the county of Chester, Esq; and had issue, Anne, Thomas, Richard, Mary, Christian, Frances, Dorothy, another Frances, Catherine, Dorothy, Eleanor, Elizabeth, Jane, Thomas, another Eleanor, Margaret, and Maudlin; Christian, his wife, dying 1609, he afterwards married to his second wife, 1614, 12 Jac. I. Jane Bostock, of Morton-Say, in the county of Salop, relict of John Bostock, of Morton-Say, aforesaid, Esq; he died 18 September, 1619 17 Jac. I. ætat. 56. leaving Jane, a widow, by whom he had no issue. Anne, eldest daughter of Richard Grosvenor, de Eaton, and Christian, his wife, born 1582, 14 Eliz. married John Massie, son and heir of John Massie, of Codington, Esq; and had issue five sons, and three daughters. Thomas, eldest son of Richard Grosvenor, and Christian, his wife, died young. Richard, second son, of whom hereafter. Mary, second daughter, died unmarried. Christian, third daughter, 1601, 43 Eliz. married Peter Danyell, of Tabley, Esq; and had issue, Peter, son and heir, and two daughters, Margaret, and Christian. This Peter Danyell, was one of the knights for the county of Chester, in parliament, 1625, died 18 April, 1652, aged sixty-eight years; and Christian, his wife, survived him, and died 1663, aged seventy-six. Frances, fourth daughter of Richard, and Christian Grosvenor, died young. Dorothy, fifth daughter, died unmarried. Frances, sixth daughter, born 33 Eliz. 1591, married to Samuel Bisphan, of Billinge, in the county of Lancaster, doctor of physick. Catherine, seventh daughter, born 34 Eliz. 1592, married, 1618, to Thomas Glynne, of Glynnellivon, in the county of Carnarvon, Esq; Dorothy, eighth, Eleanor, ninth, Elizabeth, tenth, Jane, eleventh, daughters, and Thomas, third son, all died young. Eleanor, twelfth daughter, born 43 Eliz. 1601, married Arthur Chambers, of Pitton, in the county of Salop, Esq; Margaret, thirteenth daughter, born 1 James I. 1603, married first, Henry Brereton, by

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by whom she had one son, Henry Brereton; her second husband was, Hugh Willbraham, Esq; Maudlin, fourteenth daughter, died unmarried.

Richard Grosvenor, of Eaton, second son of Richard, and Christian, became heir to his father, (his elder brother dying young, as aforesaid,) was knighted 17 Jac. I. created baronet 19 Jac. was sheriff of Cheshire, 22 Jac. and sheriff of Denbighshire, the year following, in which year, the King died (*a*); he was one of the knights for the county of Chester, in parliament, 1625, and mayor of Chester, in his time; he married (*b*) Lettice, second daughter of Sir Hugh Cholmondeley, of Cholmondeley, in the county of Chester, the younger, knight, by Mary, his wife, daughter and sole heir of Christopher Holford, of Holford, Esq; and had issue, Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. his son and heir; and three daughters, Christian, Mary, and Grace; and in 1614, 12 Jac. he married to his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Willbraham, of Woodhey, Knt. by whom he had one son, Thomas, who died young; and this wife dying 1621, to his third wife he married, Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir Peter Warburton, of Grafton, Knt. one of his majesty's justices of his court of common-pleas; she was the relict of Thomas Stanley, of Alderley, Esq; by whom he had no issue, and she died 1629; and he died 1645, ætat 61. Christian, eldest daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor, Knt. and Bart. married 19 Jac. 1621, to Sir Francis Gamul, of the city of Chester, Knt. who had issue a son, (who was killed in the civil wars, and died without issue,) and several daughters. Mary, the second daughter of Sir Richard Grosvenor, Knt. and Bart. died unmarried, 1642, 18 Car. I. and, Grace, the third daughter, died unmarried, 1638, 14 Car. I.

Sir Richard Grosvenor, Bart. son and heir of the first baronet, (*c*) was sheriff of the said county, *pro rege*, 20 Car. 1644, at which time, he raised the *Posse Comitatus*, to oppose the parliament army, commanded by Fairfax; and continued stedfast in his loyalty to his King and country, during the whole time of that unnatural war, whereby he suffered very great hardships; having his estates sequestred, and was turned out of his habitation, at Eaton, to seek for shelter, and afterwards lived in a small house belonging to a neighbouring gentleman, for many years, till the time of the happy restoration of King Charles II. He married, in 1628, Sidney, daughter of Sir Roger Mostyn, of Mostyn, in the county of Flint, Knt. by Mary, his wife, daughter of Sir John Wynne, of

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid.

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of Gwidder, in the county of Carnarvon, Knt. and died Jan. 31, 1664, ætat. about ſixty, and had iſſue, Roger, Thomas, Robert, Hugh, John, Lettice, Catherine, Mary, and Sidney; and was ſucceeded in his honour and eſtates, by his grandſon, Thomas, the eldeſt ſon of Roger Groſvenor, deceaſed.

Roger Groſvenor, Eſq; eldeſt ſon of Sir Richard Groſvenor, Bart. had likewiſe his eſtates ſequeſtred, at the ſame time as his father, and continued ſtedfaſt in his loyalty to his King and country, and was ready and prepared, in Wales, 1659, together with Sir Thomas Myddleton, Knt. his father-in-law, and his wife's brothers-in-law, the lord Herbert, and Sir Richard Wynne, of Gwidder, waiting his majeſty's orders; he married in 1654, Chriſtian, daughter of Sir Thomas Myddleton, aforeſaid. He died 1661, being killed in a duel, ætat. 33, and had iſſue, Thomas, Robert, John, and Roger, Sidney, and Anne.

Thomas Groſvenor, ſecond ſon of Sir Richard Groſvenor, the ſecond baronet, died unmarried, ætat. 44, 1674. Robert Groſvenor, third ſon, died unmarried, after he arrived at man's eſtate. Hugh Groſvenor, fourth ſon, died unmarried, ætat. 61, 1698. John Groſvenor, fifth ſon, died unmarried, ætat. 55; and three of the four daughters of Sir Richard Groſvenor, the ſecond baronet, died unmarried; and the fourth, married Thomas Heſketh, of Rufford, in the county of Lancaſter, Eſq; and left iſſue, Robert, Thomas, and Jane; and to her ſecond huſband, ſhe married colonel Spencer, a ſon of the hon. William Spencer, Eſq; third ſon of William, lord Spencer, but by him had no iſſue; her eldeſt ſon, Robert Heſketh, married Elizabeth, the ſiſter of the above colonel Spencer, by whom he left only one daughter, Elizabeth, who married, 1715, to Sir Edward Stanley, Bart. who is now the preſent earl of Derby, and hath iſſue, ſons and daughters; and, Thomas Heſketh, her younger ſon, married a ſiſter of Sir Reginald Graham, Bart. and left iſſue only one ſon, Thomas, who married Martha, daughter of James St. Amand, Eſq; and left iſſue two ſons, infants; and Jane Heſketh, her daughter, married Henry Brooke, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir Richard Brooke, of Norton, Bart. whom ſhe ſurvived, and is now living at Ormſkirk, in the county of Lancaſter.

Sir Thomas Groſvenor, Bart. ſon of Roger, and grandſon and heir to Sir Richard Groſvenor, Bart. (*a*) was repreſentative in parliament, for the city of Cheſter, in the reigns of Car. II. Jac. II. and Will. III. and was mayor of Cheſter, 1685, and by commiſſion, dated 22 June, 1685, 1 Jac. II. he had the honour of

(*a*) Ex infor. ibid.

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of the command of a troop of horſe, in the earl of Shrewſbury's regiment, and was at the camp, on Hounſlow-heath; and when the bill came into the houſe, for repealing the penal laws, and teſt acts, he was cloſetted by the King, and proffered the regiment, and a peerage, for his aſſent, which he refuſed (*a*), preferring the religion, and liberty of his country, to all honours and power, ſo likely at that time, to be attended with popery and ſlavery; and thereupon quitted his commiſſion, went into the houſe, and gave his negative to it. He was ſheriff of the county of Cheſter, 4 Jac. II. and 1 Will. and Mary; and married, 1676, to Mary, ſole daughter and heir of Alexander Davies, of Ebury, in the county of Middleſex, Eſq; and died June, 1700, ætat. 44; and his lady died Jan. 12, 1729-30, ætat. 65; he had iſſue eight children, viz. Elizabeth, Mary, Thomas, Richard, (who became their ſon and heir,) Thomas, Robert, Roger, and Anne.

Robert, and Roger, ſecond and fourth ſons of Roger Groſvenor, died young. John Groſvenor, Eſq; third ſon of Roger, and brother to Sir Thomas Groſvenor, was ſheriff of the county of Merioneth, in his time, and married to his firſt wife, Anne, daughter and heir to Godfrey Prodrick, of Llanedon, Eſq; the relict of Pierce Lloyd, of Llugway; and to his ſecond wife, Anne, daughter and coheir to Sir Richard Lloyd, of Eſles, in the county of Denbigh, Knt. the relict of Edward Ravenſcroft, of Bretton, in the county of Flint, Eſq; and died Auguſt, 1691, ætat. 31, and left no iſſue. Sidney Groſvenor, eldeſt daughter of Roger Groſvenor, was born 1650, married to Nicholas Bagnall, of Angleſea, Eſq; by whom ſhe had only one ſon, who died young. Anne, youngeſt daughter of Roger Groſvenor, died young.

Sir Richard Groſvenor, Bart. ſon and heir of Sir Thomas Groſvenor, Bart. and dame Mary, his wife, was conſtantly elected a member of parliament for the city of Cheſter, from his coming of age, to his death (*b*), and was mayor of Cheſter, 1715; and at the coronation of his preſent majeſty King George II. performed the office of grand cup-bearer of England, by preſenting the firſt cup of wine to his majeſty, to drink out of, after he was crowned; which ſervice he performed, as being the lord of the manor of Wymondeley, in the county of Hertford, which manor is held from the crown, by tenure of grand ſerjeantry, and had the cup as his fee. He married to his firſt wife, 1708 (*c*), Jane, daughter of Sir Edward Wyndham, of Orchard-Wyndham, in com. Somerſet, Bart. and had iſſue by her only one daughter, named Catherine,

(*a*) Ex inſor. ibid. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid

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cherine, who died young; and the mother dying 6 Feb. 1719, to his ſecond wife, he married in Eaſter, 1724, Diana, the only daughter of Sir George Warburton, Bart. who died without iſſue, Feb. 1729; and Sir Richard, died July 12, 1732, ætat. 44, and was ſucceeded in his honour and eſtates, by his next brother,

Sir Thomas Groſvenor, then his colleague, as member of parliament for the city of Cheſter, and an alderman thereof; he died of a conſumption, at Naples, unmarried, Jan. 31, 1732-3, ætat. 40, and was ſucceeded by his only brother,

Sir Robert Groſvenor, the preſent baronet; at that time, and in the laſt, and preſent parliament, a member for the city of Cheſter, and was mayor thereof, 1737, and married in May, 1730(a), Jane, the only ſurviving child of Thomas Warre, of Swell-Court, and of Shepton-Beauchamp, in com. Somerſet, and of Sand-hall, in com. Hants, Eſq; and hath had iſſue, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Jane, and Dorothy, all living, except Jane, who died in March, 1737-8.

Elizabeth, eldeſt daughter, Mary, ſecond daughter, Thomas, eldeſt ſon, and Roger, youngeſt ſon of Sir Thomas, and dame Mary Groſvenor, before mentioned, all died young. Anne, who was a poſthumous daughter of Sir Thomas Groſvenor, being born July 29, 1700, married in May, 1730, to the hon. William Leveſon Gower, brother to the R^t. hon. the lord Gower; ſhe died Dec. 31, ætat. 32, leaving iſſue a daughter, named Catherine, then about the age of four months.

ARMS: 16 Coats, Quarterly, viz. 1. Azure, a Garb, Or; by the name of Groſvenor, who bear this Garb, from their anceſtors, who were of conſanguinity to the ancient earls of Cheſter. 2. Argent, two Cheverons, Gules, in a Canton of the ſecond, a Croſs Croſlet, fitchè, Or; by the name of Mobberley. 3. Sable, a Stagg, lodged, Argent, attired and unguled, Or; by the name of Downes. 4. Sable, a Croſs Patonce, Argent; by the name of Pulford. 5. Azure, three Pheaſants, cloſe, Or; by the name of Pheſant. 6. Sable, and Argent, quarterwiſe, a Croſs Patonce, Sable and Argent; by the name of Eton. 7. Vert, three Stocks, or Stumps of Trees, couped, and eradicated, Argent; by the name of Stockton. 8. Argent, a Bend, Sable, between three Ogreſſes, or Pellets, Sable; by the name of Coton. 9. Saphire, an Eagle, diſplayed, Pearl, armed Ruby; by the name of Rudware. 10. Gules, three Swords, in pale, Points, upwards, Argent, the Pummels

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mels and Hilts, Or; by the name of Walſheof. 11. Or, five Eagles diſplayed, Sable, armed Ruby, a Canton, Ermine; by the name of Baſing. 12. Argent, three Faulcons, cloſe, Gules; by the name of Falconer. 13. Sable, three Owls, Or; by the name of Thurcaſton. 14. Azure, two Barrs, Argent; by the name of Venables. 15. Or, Barry, Azure; by the name of Vernon. 16. Or, a Cheveron, between three Mullets, Sable; by the name of Davies.

And the Coat of Warre, is, Gules, powdered, with Croſſe Croſlets, fitchèe, Argent, and Lion, rampant, Argent.

CREST: On a Wreath of the Colours, a Talbot, ſtanding, Or.

MOTTO: *Nobilitatis, virtus, non ſtemma character.*

SEATS: *Eaton-Hall*, three Miles from *Cheſter*; *Halkin-Hall*, two Miles from *Flint*, and from *Hollywell*; *Swell-Court*, in *Com. Somerſet*; *Wymondeley*, in *Com. Hertford*; and on *Millbank*, in *Weſtminſter*, in *Com. Middleſex*.

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62. BARKER, of Grimſton-Hall, in Trimley, Suffolk.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, March 17, 1621.

THIS family has been long ſeated at Ipſwich, in this county, and gave name to a ſtreet, called Barker-ſtreet, temp. Edward III.

A deſcendant of this lineage was, Robert Barker, of Ipſwich, who, by Anne, daughter of —— Beſtney, of Cambridgeſhire, Eſq; had iſſue, Robert, his ſon and heir, burgeſs for Ipſwich, 1 Eliz. who, by a daughter of —— Kempe, of Suffolk, Eſq; had a ſon, John, who was alſo a burgeſs of the ſame town, 26th and 30th of the ſaid reign; who, by Willemina, his firſt wife, daughter and heir of John Bomart, of Brabant, merchant, had iſſue, three ſons, and two daughters, 1. Sir Robert, 2. John, a colonel in the army, who, by ——, daughter of —— Withepoole, of Suffolk,

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Suffolk, Eſq; (by a daughter of the lord Wentworth,) left iſſue two daughters, (Dorothy, married to —— Knowles, of Kenthorp, in com. Warw. Eſq; and Willemina, to —— Girling;) and 3. William; 4. Margery, married to Thomas Clench, Eſq; ſon and heir of John Clench, Eſq; one of the juſtices of the King's-bench; and 5. Thomaſina, married to Sir Robert Gardiner, of Suffolk, Knt. lord-deputy of Ireland. His ſecond wife was, Anne, daughter of Henry Herdſon, Eſq; alderman of London, relict of George Stoddard, Eſq; by whom he had a daughter, Abigail, married to Sir Edward Waterhouſe, of Hallifax, in com. Ebor. Knt.

Sir Robert, his eldeſt ſon, ſerved in parliament for the ſame town, 35 Eliz. He removed (the ſeat of the family,) to Grimſton-hall, in the pariſh of Trimley St. Martin, eight miles ſouth-eaſt from Ipſwich. He was made knight of the Bath, at the coronation of King James I. 1603, and married two wives; firſt, Judith, daughter of George Stoddard, of Mottingham, in Kent, Eſq; by whom he had iſſue, John, Robert, (who died iſſueleſs,) and a daughter, Anne, married to Sir Arthur Jenney, of Knotiſhall, in Suffolk, Knt. His ſecond wife was, Suſanna, daughter of Sir John Crofts, of Saxham, in Suffolk, Knt. by whom he had a numerous iſſue of ſons and daughters, and from whom is deſcended, Sir William Barker, of Bocking-hall, in Eſſex, Bart.

John Barker, of Grimſton-hall, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir Robert, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, the 19th of Jac. I. He married Frances, daughter of Sir John Jermy, of Brightwell, in Suffolk, Knt. and died 1652, leaving iſſue, Sir John; Thomas, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Dudley Carleton, of Imber-court, in Surry, Knt. and Robert, who died without iſſue.

Sir John, eldeſt ſon and heir, married Winifrid, daughter of Sir Philip Parker, of Arwarton, in Suffolk, Knt. and died 1664, leaving iſſue, Sir Jermy, Sir John, and Robert, who married a daughter of Robert Marriot, of Bredfield, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, and five daughters. Both the ſons loſt their lives in the ſervice of Queen Anne, one in the army, the other in the navy.

Sir Jermy Barker, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor, died unmarried; whereupon the title and eſtate, deſcended to his brother,

Sir John Barker, Bart. who married Bridget, daughter of Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Shrubland, knight of the Bath. He removed to Ipſwich, and made that place again the reſidence of the family, for which borough he ſerv'd in ſeveral parliaments, temp. Car. II. Jac. II. Will. and Mary. He died, 1696, leaving iſſue, Sir William, and Grace, who married Mr. Philip Bacon, of Ipſwich,

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grandſon to Sir Nicholas Bacon, of Shrubland, Knt. (his widow afterwards married John Ellis, Eſq; barriſter at law:) he was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his only ſon,

Sir William Barker, Bart. who ſerv'd ſeveral times in parliament, for Ipſwich, in the reign of Queen Anne, and in the reign of King George I. and II. as one of the knights of the ſhire for the county of Suffolk. He married twice; firſt, Mary, ſole daughter of John Bence, of Heveningham, in Suffolk, Eſq; (by Catherine, his wife, daughter of —— Glemham, Eſq; and grandaughter of the famous Sir Thomas Glemham, Knt. governor of Carliſle,) by whom he had iſſue one ſon, Sir John: this lady dying, Jan. 1, 1715-16; he married to his ſecond lady, Feb. 9, 1731, Anne, relict of Edward Spencer, of Rendleſham, in Suffolk, Eſq; and dying July 23 following, left no iſſue by her, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his only ſon,

Sir John Barker, the preſent baronet, who married Oct. 28, 1740, Alice, the only daughter of the late Sir Comport Fytch, of Mount Markſall, in Eltham, in Kent, Bart. ſiſter and heir to her brother, the late Sir William Fytch, Bart. by whom he has a ſon, John-Fytch, born July 25, 1741.

ARMS: Party per Feſs, Nebule, Vert and Sable, three Martlets, Or; a Canton, Ermine.

CREST: On a Wreath of the Colours, a Bear ſeiant, Or, collar'd, Sable.

MOTTO: *Sic itur ad aſtra.*

SEAT: At *Grimſton*, eight miles ſouth-eaſt from *Ipſwich*, and at *Sproughton*, near *Ipſwich*, both in *Suffolk*.

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63. GAGE, of Firle, Suſſex.

(JOHN, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, March 26, 1622.

BY the ſimilitude of the name, it has been preſumed that this family is branch'd from the Gaugi's *(a)*, that were barons in parliament, ſo early as the reign of King Henry II. but how that appears is not evident.

The direct anceſtor to the preſent Sir William Gage, is John Gage, Eſq; mentioned in deeds, 9 Hen. IV. father to another John, who married Joan, daughter and coheir of John Sudgrove, of Sudgrove, in Glouceſterſhire, about 4 Henry V. in which year *(b)*, the ſaid John Sudgrove, gives to John Gage, Eſq; and Joan, his wife, as alſo to John Bovey, and Alice, his wife, (the other daughter and coheir of the ſaid John Sudgrove,) all his lands and tenements, in Muſarder, and Sudgrove, in the ſaid pariſh, in com. Glouceſt. which Joan, ſurviving her huſband, did, with John Gage, her ſon, in 16 Henry VI. *(c)* ſettle lands and tenements, in Cirenceſter, Nether Sidington, Miſſarder, and Brimsfield, in com. Glouceſt. on William, lord Lovell, Sir William Treſham, and others.

The ſaid John Gage, in 32 Hen. VI. purchaſed the lands that were John Bovey's, in Cirenceſter, Miſarder, Sidington, and Brimſfield, and made a further addition to his eſtate, by his marriage, with Eleanor, daughter and heir of Thomas St. Clere, Eſq; lord of the manors of Aſton, Clinton, in com. Bucks, and of Oſpring, in Kent. ſon of Sir Philip St. Clere, of Aldham St. Clere, in the laſt mentioned county, and of Margaret, his wife, widow of Richard Chamberlayn, of Sherburn, in com. Oxon. Eſq; and daughter to Sir Nicholas de Lovayn, Knt. lord of the manor of Burſtow, or Briſtow, and Hedgecourt, in com. Surr. in 44 Edw. III. *(d)* and ſiſter and heir of Nicholas Lovayn, lord of Penſhurſt, in Kent. This John Gage, received the honour of knighthood, and departed this life on the 30th of September, in 26 Edw. IV. leaving two ſons, William, and John Gage, anceſtor to the Gages, of Ruſhton, in Northamptonſhire.

The ſaid William Gage, who was thirty years old at his father's deceaſe, took to wife, Agnes, daughter to Thomas Bolney,

(*a*) Dugdale's baronage of England, vol. I. p. 678. (*b*) Ex chart. in ſtemmate hujus fam. penes Dom. Will. Gage, Bar. (*c*) Cart. 10 Aug. 16 Hen. VI. in ſtemmate præd. (*d*) Philpot's villare cantium.

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Esq; and resided at Bristow, in com. Surr. as his last testament shews, which bears date 14 Feb. 1496, in 12 Hen. VII. and the probat thereof, the 24th of October following *(a)*, wherein he orders his body to be buried in the church of the Grey Fryers, in London, next unto the sepulcher of William Chamberlayn, Esq; and bequeaths to the said church, for his sepulture there to be had, and to the intent that the brethren thereof fetch his body to the earth, and sing a trental for his soul, xls.

'He moreover bequeaths to the church of Bristow, in Surry, 'for his tythes, forgotten, or negligently witholden, in discharge 'of his soul xxs. to the church of St. Ellyn's, in London, 'vis. viiid. and the same sum to the ladies of the priory there, 'to be parted among them; as also the like legacies to Sir John 'Dampsell, Sir John Lystre, and Sir Robert Water, priests.' He was likewise bountiful to his servants, and a loving husband to his wife, for, 'He bequeaths her all his goods, &c. after his 'debts are paid, and costs of burial discharged, and that she 'should, during her life, enjoy the manors of Heyton, Sinclere, 'and Torryng, with the appurtenances, in Sussex, as also the 'manors of Bristow, and Hedge-court, in the county of Surry, 'and have the custody and rule of John Gage, his son and heir, 'during his nonage, on which account, she should receive the 'profits and revenues of all his other manors, lands, and tene-'ments, in the counties of Surry, Bucks, and Kent, she find-'ing the said John, honestly, and competently, with meat, 'drink, and rayment.'

Which John Gage, distinguished himself in a very extraordinary manner, both in a military, and civil capacity, and became one of the most famous men in the age he lived, whose great services are thus set forth, in an ancient manuscript, wrote by his third son, Robert Gage, of Haling, in Surry, viz.

'Sir John Gage, Knt. was, after his father's death, in ward to 'W. Stafford, duke of Buckingham, and after his marriage to 'my mother, daughter of Sir Richard Guldeford, was preferred 'by the said duke, to King Henry VIIIth's service, and distin-'guishing himself at the seige of Teroven *(b)*, was thereupon made 'captain of the castle of Calais, (usually called Guysnes,) shortly 'after was sent for home, and knighted, and made of the privy-'council, vice-chamberlain, and captain of the guards; few 'years after, for service done on the borders of Scotland, at his 'return, was made comptroller of the household, and chancellor 'of the dutchy of Lancaster, in one day. In a few days after, he 'was made constable of the tower of London, and the next St. 'George's feast, knight of the most noble order of the garter.

'At

(a) Ex regist. vocat. Horn. qu. 10. in cur. prerog. Cant. *(b)* Ex inform. Hen. Gage, frat. Dom. Guiliel. Gage, de Hengrave, Bar.

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'At the winning of Bullogne, (36 Hen. VIII.) he was in joint 'commiſſion with Charles, duke of Suffolk, lord-lieutenant of 'his majeſty's camp, and for ſundry ſervices there, with Sir An- 'thony Browne, Knt. maſter of the horſe, was made general 'captain of the bands of horſemen. After the death of our ſove- 'reign lord, King Edw. VI. at the coming of Queen Mary, was 'made her lord-chamberlain. Thus having ſerved in all theſe 'roomes and offices, truely, faithfully, and painfully, from the 'firſt year of the reign of our ſovereign lord, Hen. VIII. of fa- 'mous memory, unto the fifth year of Queen Mary, untouch'd 'with any reproach or unfaithful ſervice, at this time being 'ſeventy-ſeven years of age, he ended his life, in favour with his 'prince, at his own houſe at Firle, in Suſſex.'

What I find of him farther is this, that *(a)* whilſt he was captain of Guiſnes, he performed many valiant acts in ſkirmiſhes, &c. and in 21 Hen. VIII. he had for his ſervices, a grant of the wardſhip *(b)* and marriage of William Baynam, ſon and heir of John Baynam, of Clowerwall, in Glouceſterſhire, Eſq; and the next year, being vice-chamberlain of the houſhold, he had a grant *(c)*, to him, his heirs, and aſſigns, of the manors of Boreham, Rokeland, Felton, Heldynglee, Friſton, and Exſett, in com. Suſſex; alſo the manor *(d)* of Stewton, with the appurtenances, in com. Linc. in which year he was one of the knights *(e)* deputed by the parliament, who, with the two archbiſhops, and the principal nobility and clergy of the realm, ſigned that memorable letter to Pope Clement VII. deſiring his holineſs to comply with the king in his divorce, threatning, that if he refuſed, *(conſidering the two univerſities of England, the univerſity of Paris, as well as many others in France, and what almoſt all men of learning, knowledge, and integrity, both at home and abroad, have determined to be true, and are ready to defend in their diſcourſes and writings,)* they can make no other conſtruction of it, but that the care of themſelves is committed to their own hands, and that they are left to ſeek their remedy elſewhere. In 29 Henry VIII. he was ſummoned, among thoſe of the court, to be preſent at the chriſtning of Prince Edward *(f)*, at Hampton-court. In 31 Hen. VIII. he had, for his good ſervices *(g)*, a grant of the manor of Acliſton, in Suſſex, and the following year, being comptroller of the houſehold, was alſo *(h)* conſtituted conſtable of the tower of London, with a fee of 100 l. per ann. during his life, likewiſe 22d of May, inſtalled one of the knights companions of the moſt noble order of the garter; in which year he was alſo appointed, chief ſteward of

(*a*) Hall's chron. life Hen. VIII. fol. 123, 127. (*b*) Bille ſignate 6 Maii, 21 Hen. VIII. (*c*) Ibid. 12 Apri. 22 Hen. VIII. (*d*) Ib. 23 June. (*e*) Rymer's fœd. tom. XIV. p. 407. (*f*) Strype's memorials, vol. II. p. 5. (*g*) Bille ſignate 14 Feb. 31 Hen. VIII. (*h*) Pat. 32 Hen. VIII. p. 3.

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of all the honours, caſtles, manors, &c. in com. Suſſex, forfeited by the attainder of Thomas Cromwell, earl of Eſſex, with power to appoint a deputy, and the ſame day and year, had a grant of the ſtewardſhip of all the liberties, privileges, and franchiſes of the archbiſhop of Canterbury, and of all and ſingular lordſhips, manors, lands, &c. of the ſaid archbiſhop, during the minority of Henry, lord Bergaveny. In *(a)* 34 Henry VIII. he was a principal commander in the expedition made into Scotland; and the monaſtery of Combewell, alias Comwell, with the poſſeſſions thereunto belonging, in com. Kanc. *(b)* was granted him for his ſervices; and in the following year, the king authorizes Sir John Gage, comptroller of his houſhold, to keep and retain in his ſervice, from time to time, forty perſons, over and above his uſual attendance *(c)*. He was then employ'd as one of the ambaſſadors for concluding a peace with Scotland *(d)*, which was brought to an end, the firſt day of October, at Newcaſtle; thereupon, he was ſoon after in two commiſſions with the lord Audley, lord-chancellor, Thomas, duke of Norfolk, lord-treaſurer, Stephen, biſhop of Wincheſter, Thomas, biſhop of Weſtminſter, and William, lord St. John, the one for redeeming and ranſoming priſoners, between England, and Scotland, the other for concluding *(e)* a treaty of marriage between his ſon, Prince Edward, and Mary, the Scotch queen.

He was much in favour with King Henry VIII. who ſhewed his eſteem of him, in cauſing his picture to be drawn, (among other his warriors and favourites) by the famous Hans Holben, to adorn his court-gallery, which yet remains in the poſſeſſion of the crown. His majeſty alſo left him a legacy of 200l. in his laſt teſtament, and therein appointed him *(f)*, with the earls of Arundel, Eſſex, &c. to be of council, and aiding and aſſiſting to his executors, and his ſon, Prince Edward, for the good eſtate and proſperity of the realm.

In the reign of King Edward VI. his ſtyle among the knights of the garter *(g)* is, *Du tres valiant Chr. Monſ. John Gage, coneſtable de la towre de Londres, & Chr. de l'ordre de la jarritiere*; and in 1 and 2 Philip and Mary, thus, *Du tres valiant Meſſ. John Gage, Chr. du tres noble ordre de la jarritiere, chamblayne de la maiſon de la royne nre ſoveraigne & coneſtable de la tours de Londres.*

He was lord-chamberlain of the houſhold, and conſtable of the tower of London, at the time of his deceaſe, and tho' in a very advanc'd age, he retained a ſound judgment to the laſt, as his teſtament ſhews, which bears date *(h)* 20th of Feb. 1555, and the probat

(a) Hall's chron. fo. 254, b. *(b)* Privat. ſigil. 26 April. 34 Hen. VIII. *(c)* Ib. 22 May. 35 Hen. VIII. *(d)* Rymer's fœd. tom. XIV. p. 786. *(e)* Ib. p. 792. *(f)* Ib. tom. XV. p. 177. *(g)* E Lib. MS. de vit. Mil. Gart. in muſeo Aſhmol. num. 1118. *(h)* Ex regiſt. vocat. Kitchin. qu. 9.

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probat thereof, the 10th of June following; wherein, 'He wills 'his body to be buried in the parish church of West-Firle, (near 'unto the place where his wife lieth,) with such moderate funeral expences as are used for personage of his calling and degree; 'also that xls. be distributed in alms, to poor people that shall 'come thither, by vid. doles, and xls. to xl. parishes; for the 'payment whereof, he orders his executors to sell his collar of 'gold of the order of the garter; but his blue mantle of the order, 'he presents to the college of Windsor.

'He further wills, that the profits and revenues of the parsonage 'of Astham, in com. Salop. of the yearly value of 111. 5s. should 'be applied (except 4l. per ann. which he gives to the vicar,) for 'the maintenance of a chantry in West-Firle, for evermore, charging his executors to prepare a convenient and decent place in the 'church for that end, and find a priest to minister divine service, 'for evermore, and pray principally for the queen's highness, and 'for her most noble progenitors, heirs and successors, and then for 'him, the said Sir John Gage, and Philippa, his wife, his ancestors, and all christian soules; which chantry-priest, and his 'successors, being obedient and serviceable to his heirs and successors, should have meat, drink, and lodging, in his mansion-'house of West-Firle.

'He moreover wills, that the parson of the parish-church of Crab-'house, in Norfolk, should have the tythe of a certain field, called 'Peterfield, part of the said demains of Crabhouse, the said parson, 'or vicar, and their succcessors, praying for him by name, in their 'parish-church, at high mass-time, every Sunday, for evermore.

'He bequeaths many legacies to his servants, and appoints Edward Gage, his son and heir, and John Carrell, Esq; executors, 'giving to the former, all his plate, jewels, ready money, goods, '&c.' in full trust and confidence that he maintain, and leave the same to John Gage, his son and heir apparent, or if he die before him, to such his heir male as shall enjoy his mansion-house, at Firle, that he may thereby be able, with the said stock, furniture of his house, and revenue of his lands, to maintain and keep hospitality, without which stock and store of household-stuff, (a schedule whereof is annexed,) he fears they will be greatly hindered in their living, and not able to furnish his house without danger of decay, the which he charges his said son, Edward Gage, always to provide for and foresee, as his trust and hope has always been in him.

This Sir John Gage, was buried (according to his desire,) at West-Firle, the 28th of April, 1557, and by the order of his said son, Edward, a goodly tomb of jasper-stone, and marble, is erected to his memory, and thereon the effigies, in full proportion, of a knight of the garter, in armour, in his collar of SS's and George, as also, his lady, in the dress of the times, both lying on their backs, with their hands elevated; at his feet, a ram; at her's, the creft

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of her family, (and round the verge, the 25th verſe of the 19th chap. of Job,) and againſt them, on a braſs plate in the wall, (under the arms, in a garter,) is this inſcription, in Roman capitals:

Hic jacet Johes Gage, preclari Ordinis Garterii, Miles, quondam Conſtabularius Turris London. Cancellarius Ducatus Lancaſtrie, Dominus Camerarius Hoſpicii Regine Marie, ac vnus de privato Concilio ejuſdem Regine, & Philippa, Uxor ejus, qui obierunt Anno Dni 1557, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus.

And round the verge of the tomb, is as follows:

Scio quod Redemptor meus vivit, et in noviſſimo die de terrâ ſurrecturus ſum, et rursùm circundabor pelle meâ, & in carne meâ videbor Deum Salvatorem meum.

Quem viſurus ſum ego ipſe et oculi mei conſpecturi ſunt, et non alius, repoſita eſt hæc ſpes mea in ſinu meo Job. cap. 19. v. 25.

This Sir John Gage, had by his ſaid wife, Philippa, (daughter to Sir Richard Guldeford, one of the knights of the garter,) four ſons, Edward, James, Robert, and William, as alſo four daughters, Alice, married to Sir Anthony Brown, knight of the garter, Anne, to John Thatcher, the elder, of Prieſthaws, in com. Suſſ. Eſq; ——, wife of Jennings, and——, wedded to William Baynam, of Clowerwall, in com. Glouceſt. Eſqrs. Of Edward Gage, his eldeſt ſon, I ſhall treat hereafter; James Gage, ſecond ſon, was ſeated at Bentley, in Suſſex, whoſe deſcendants flouriſh'd likewiſe at Wormſley, in com. Hereford. of which branch was Henry Gage, of Bentley, Eſq; who died unmarried, A D. 1718; (tho' he had two brothers, one of which left three ſons, Thomas, a merchant abroad; the reverend Mr. John Gage, of Firle, and Henry, all now living, and unmarried: Anne, the only ſiſter of Henry, of Bentley, married Thomas Payne, of Lewes, in Suſſex, Eſq;) Robert Gage, third ſon of Sir John, was ſeated at Haling, in com. Surry, and left two ſons, Robert, that died in the reign of Q. Eliz. for the cauſe of Mary, Q. of Scots, and John Gage, of Haling, Eſq; father, among others, to the famous colonel, Sir Henry Gage, Knt. who, during the rebellion in the reign of King Char. I. was governor of Oxford, and twice relieved Baſinghouſe, fighting his way through the enemy, with notable advantage, but in the end, was unfortunately killed, at Cullum-bridge, A. D. 1644, aged 47 years, being ſhot thro' the heart with a muſquet-ball: lord Clarendon, gives this character of him, 'He was, in truth, a very 'extraordinary man, of a large and very graceful perſon, of an ho-'nourable extraction, his grandfather, [*great grandfather, it ſhould 'be,*] having been knight of the garter: beſides his great expe-'rience and abilities, as a ſoldier, which were very eminent, he had 'very great parts of breeding, being a very good ſcholar in the po-'lite parts of learning, a great maſter in the Spaniſh and Italian 'tongues, beſides the French and the Dutch, which he ſpoke in 'great perfection, having ſcarce been in England, in 20 years be-'fore.

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'fore. He was likewiſe very converſant in courts, having for 'many years, been much eſteem'd in that of the arch-duke, and 'dutcheſs, Albert, and Iſabella, at Bruſſels; which was a great 'and very regular court at that time; ſo that he deſerved to be 'looked upon as a wiſe and accompliſh'd perſon. Of this gentle-'man, the lords of the council had a ſingular eſteem, and con-'ſulted frequently with him, whilſt they look'd to be beſieg'd, 'and thought Oxford to be the more ſecure, for his being in it. 'The king ſuſtain'd a wonderful loſs in his death, he being a 'man of great wiſdom and temper, and one among the very few 'ſoldiers, who made himſelf to be univerſally lov'd and eſteem'd.' He was buried in Chriſt-church cathedral, in Oxford, being attended to the grave by (a) Prince Rupert, the duke of Richmond, the lord-treaſurer, the lord-chamberlain, ſecretaries, comptroler, the lords of the privy-council, and moſt of the nobility and gentry in Oxford, and moſt of the great commanders, with the vice-chancellor, and mayor of Oxford, with their ſeveral trains, the heralds at arms, &c. having this inſcription over him (b):

P. M. S.
Hic ſitus eſt Militum Chiliarcha
Henricus Gage, Eques Auratus, Filius ac
Hæres Johannis Gage, de Haling, in Agro
Surienſi Armigeri, pronepos Johis Gage,
Honoratiſſimi Ordinis Periſcelidis Equitis,
In Belgio meruit ſupra Annos XX. in
Omni Prælio, & Obſidione Berghæ ad
Zomam, Bredæ, ac præcipue S. Audomari; ex
Belgio ad M. Britt. Regem miſſus, attulit armorum
VII. M. Miſſus cum imperio Baſtalii Ædes
Expugnavit, Mox Baſingianis præſidiariis
Commeatu intercluſis, Strenue, re jam
Deſperata, Suppetias tulit. Caſtrum Bam-
burienſe cum Northamptoniæ Comite
Liberavit, hinc Equeſtri dignitate Or-
natus, hoſtes denuo Baſinga fugavit.
Jamq; Gubernator Oxon. creatus, cum
Ad Culhami pontem in hoſtes jam tertio
Milites audacter duceret, plumbeâ trajectus
Glande occubuit die xi Jan. 1644.
Æt. 47, funus ſolemni luctu proſecuti principes,
Proceres, Milites, Academici, Cives, Oes Do-
lorem teſtati ex deſiderio Viri, ingenio lin-
guar. peritiâ, gloriâ militari, pietate, fide, &
Amore in principem, & patriam eminentiſſimi.
Hanc memoriæ Epitomen, poſuit illi pietas mœr. lug. q; fratris
Georgii Gage.

On

(a) Life of Sir Henry Gage, Knt. 4to. p. 22. where, ſee the hiſtory of the life and actions of this great man, at large. (b) Le Neve's Monumenta Anglicana, vol. I. p. 217.

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On a ſmall ſtone under the monument:

Æterna Caducis
præpone

The fourth ſon of Sir John, was, William, who died S. P.

Edward Gage, beforementioned, (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir John,) was made one of the knights of the Bath, by Queen Mary, in the life-time of his father. He was a pious, ſober, judicious gentleman, as appears by his laſt will, dated at Firle, 17 Dec. 1566, when he was in perfect health, and lived upwards of two years after.

By which teſtament, 'He bequeaths his body to be buried in 'the pariſh church of Firle, and that two-penny dole be diſtri-'buted to ſuch poor people as would reſort to his burial; alſo 'that his executors cauſe ſeveral ſums of money, therein named, 'to be given to poor houſholders, of many adjoining pariſhes.

'He further wills, that his executors provide a decent ſtone to 'lie on his good father and mother, with the pictures of them, 'and all their children, with theſe holy words engraven on braſs, '*Credo quod redemptor meus vivit, et in noviſſimo die de terra ſur-'recturis ſum, et in carne mea videbo Deum ſalvatorem meum.* 'Likewiſe that they provide a decent graveſtone, to lie on him 'and his wife, all his ſons to be kneeling behind him, and all his 'daughters behind her, with the ſame holy words to be engraven 'on braſs.

'He gives to his well-beloved wife, Elizabeth, her dwelling in 'his manſion-houſe, at Firle, as long as ſhe remains a widow, 'and leaves her the charge of bringing up all her children, ex-'cept his heir apparent.' And foraſmuch (as he words it) that God had pleas'd to ſend him a gentle and loving wife, which hath long been coupled with him, and meaning to provide as well for the better maintenance of her, as for the bringing up and finding maintenance for her children, 'He leaves her ſeveral lands, all 'her jewels, and three chains of gold ſhe has uſually worn; be-'queathing likewiſe to his daughters, Margery, Lucy, and Mar-'garet, every of them, 500 marks, at the day of their marriage, 'and to his daughter, Phillippa, in conſideration of her being the 'eldeſt, and for other reaſons, 500l. and 10l. yearly for their 'maintenance, till they receive it; alſo the like annuity of 10l. 'per ann. to his ſons, Anthony, Thomas, George, Edward, 'Richard, John, the younger, and Robert Gage, the pay-'ment whereof, he orders out of the rents of his manors and 'lands in Heighton, Firles, Hoſiers, Hollandale, Compton, Ex-'ſett, Fryſton, Lamporte, and Egington, or elſewhere, in the 'county of Suſſex; as alſo his manor of Crabhouſe, in Norfolk, 'and his lands there and in Weſt-Dereham, or elſewhere in the

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'said county, except thoſe appointed to deſcend to his heir, by 'courſe of inheritance, and excepting all ſuch eſtates before be- 'queathed to Elizabeth, his wife; which ſaid manors, after his 'debts, legacies &c. are paid, he entails on John Gage, his ſon 'and heir, and in default of iſſue male, on his other ſons, ac- 'cording to their ſeniority, and for lack of ſuch iſſue of them, 'on James Gage, his brother, and in default, on Robert, and 'William Gage, his brothers, and in default of iſſue male of 'them, to ſuch of his ſons daughters, and their iſſue male.

'The reſidue of all his goods, plate, jewels, ready money, 'houſhold-ſtuff, &c. he bequeaths to his eldeſt ſon, John Gage,' in full truſt and confidence, that he will maintain, preſerve, and leave the ſame to his ſon and heir, and if he die, to the next heir male that God ſhall cauſe to ſucceed him, and inherit his manſion-houſe of Firle, as his good father left it him, and he, with the like charge, leaves it to ſuch heir male: whereby he may be able, with the ſaid ſtock and furniture of his houſe and land, to maintain and keep hoſpitality, to ſerve God, his prince, and the commonwealth; without the which ſtock, he will be greatly hinder'd in his living, and not like to be able to keep his houſe, without great danger and decay, the which he charges his ſaid ſon, John Gage, always to provide for and foreſee, as his hope and truſt is in him. 'He likewiſe wills and requires, and in God's name, 'charges his ſaid ſons and brothers, and every of the heirs of 'their bodies, to be ſatisfied and contented with this his laſt te- 'ſtament, and not without great neceſſities and urgent cauſe, to 'violate, infringe, or break it.'

This Sir Edward Gage *(a)*, died on the 27th of December, 1568, and was buried the 19th of January following, at Firle, with his anceſtors, and an altar-tomb of ſtone and marble, is erected to his memory, according to his requeſt. He had, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of John Parker, of Willingdon, in Suſſex, Eſq; (and of Joan, his wife, daughter of Sir Richard Sackvile, of Buckhurſt, in Suſſex, Knt.) other children beſide thoſe mentioned in his will: (Edward, one of his ſons, was born, 19th of April, 1539, and Henry, born 16th of Oct. 1553, died 29 July, 1555, alſo, Anthony, born 25 June, 1540, who was living at the time his father made his laſt teſtament, and died 31 Jan. 1567.) Of the daughters, Agnes, born 16th Jan. 1547, was married, in her father's life-time, 19 Nov. 1566, to Ed. Stradling, Eſq; who was afterwards knighted, and the anceſtor to the late Sir Thomas Stradling, of St. Donats, in Glamorganſhire, Bart. Philippa, ſecond daughter, wedded to Edmund Saunders, Eſq; Mary, born 18 Sept. 1550, married to James Thatcher, Eſq; Margery, born 5th of June, 1552, betrothed 17 Nov. 1569, to Anthony Kemp,

(a) Ex autog. penes Dom. W. Gage, Bar.

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Kemp, Eſq; and Margaret, youngeſt daughter, born 28 June, 1559, was the wife of Henry Darell, Eſq;

John Gage, Eſq; eldeſt ſon, and heir apparent, was thirty (a) years of age at his father's deceaſe, and heir to fifteen manors, beſides divers meſſuages, lands, &c. in Suſſex, as alſo the manors of Hedge-court, and Burſton, in Surry, and Crabhouſe, in Norfolk. He married two wives, but left no iſſue by either of them, and outliving all his brethren, the eſtate deſcended to his nephew, John Gage, Eſq; ſon and heir of his brother, Thomas. He lies buried at Firle, under an altar-tomb of alabaſter and marble, adjoining to Sir Edward's, his father, on the top whereof, are the portraitures, in braſs, of a gentleman in armour, between his two wives, in the dreſs of the times, with the like verſe, in the ſame chapter of Job, underneath; and over them, in the wall, this inſcription, in Roman characters:

Hic jacet Johes Gage, Armiger, & duæ Uxores ejus, Elizabetha, & Margaretta, qui obierunt Anno Dni Mileſſimo quingenteſſimo nonageſſimo quinto, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus.

The ſaid Thomas Gage, his brother, born 27 January, 1541, took to wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Guldeford, Knt. and deceaſing in the year 1590, was buried with his anceſtors, at Firle, as a grave-ſtone ſhews, whereon are the figures, in braſs, of a gentleman in armour, with his wife by him; as alſo the effigies of a ſon and two daughters, infants, kneeling, in a praying poſture, and underneath them, this memorial:

Hic jacet Thomas Gage, Armiger, et Uxor
Ejus Elizabetha, qui obierunt Anno Domini
Mileſimo Quingenteſſimo Nonageſimo, qui
Habuerunt unum Filium et duas Filias,
Quorum Animabus propitietur Deus.

His two daughters were, Mary, the wife of Sir Thomas Pordage, Knt. and Elizabeth, of Griſaker More, Eſq;

His only ſon, John Gage, Eſq; ſucceeding his uncle, beforementioned, at Firle, &c. took to wife, Penelope, widow and relict of Sir George Trenchard, of Wolverton, in Dorſetſhire, Knt. and third daughter and coheir to Thomas Darcy, earl Rivers, and of Mary, his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Kitſon, of Hengrave, in com. Suff. Knt. This lady, Penelope, was a great beauty, but ſeventeen years of age when ſhe was left a widow, and became a very great fortune, for the lady, her mother, left her the whole inheritance of the Kitſons, and ſhe ſhared that of the Darcy's: her huſband, John Gage, Eſq; was, after his marriage,

(a) Coles Eſc. lib. 5. p. 432, 433, MS. in bibl. Harley.

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riage, advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by letters patents, bearing date the 26th of March, 1622, and departing this life the 3d of October, 1633, was interr'd with his anceſtors, at Firle. His lady ſurviving him, was afterwards wife to Sir William Hervey, of Ickworth, in the county of Suffolk, Knt. but had iſſue only by Sir John Gage, viz. five daughters, whereof, Frances, was married, firſt, to Sir William Treſham, of Ruſhton, in com. Northamp. Bart. and ſecondly, to George Gage, Eſq; Penelope, wife of Henry Merry, of Barton, in com. Derb. Eſq; Elizabeth, to Sir Thomas Petre, of Cranham, in com. Eſſex; and Anne, to Henry Petre, Eſq; fifth ſon of William, lord Petre; alſo four ſons, Sir Thomas Gage, his ſucceſſor; 2. John Gage, of Stoneham, in Suffolk, Eſq; who died without iſſue; 3. Edward Gage, Eſq; who had his mother's inheritance, at Hengrave, in Suffolk, was knighted, and created a baronet by K. Cha. II. of whom, in his proper place. Henry Gage, Eſq; fourth ſon of Sir John Gage, of Firle, Bart. (and youngeſt brother to the ſaid Sir Edward,) took to wife, Henrietta Jermyn, daughter to Thomas, lord Jermyn, of Ruſhbrook, in Suffolk, and ſiſter and coheir to Henry Jermyn, earl of Dover, by whom he had, Mary, a nun, and one ſon, John Gage, of Princethorp, in Norfolk, Eſq;

Sir Thomas Gage, of Firle, Bart. (eldeſt ſon and heir of Sir John,) died about the year 1655, and having wedded Mary, eldeſt daughter and coheir of John Chamberlain, of Sherburn, in com. Oxon. Eſq; (who, ſurviving him, was remarried to Sir Henry Goring, of Burton, in Suſſex, Bart. and dying, 1694, was buried at Burton,) had iſſue three daughters, Frances, married to Sir Charles Yates, of Buckland, in com. Berks, Bart. Mary, to Anthony Kemp, of Slingdon, in Suſſex, Eſq; and Catherine, to Walter, lord Aſton, of Tixhall, in Staffordſhire; alſo four ſons, 1. Sir Thomas Gage, Bart. his ſucceſſor; 2. Sir John, whoſe marriage and iſſue, will be mentioned hereafter; 3. Henry, who died S. P. 4. Joſeph Gage, Eſq; who had his mother's inheritance, at Sherburn, and likewiſe a very great eſtate with his wife, Elizabeth, daughter of George Penruddock, of the county of Southampton, Eſq; who was heir to her brothers, and died 5 Decemb. 1693: he had by her two ſons, Thomas, lord viſcount Gage, of High-Meadow, in com. Glouceſt. in right of his wife, ——, daughter and heir of Benedict Hall, of the ſame place, Eſq; and Joſeph Gage, Eſq; now living, in Spain; alſo two daughters, Elizabeth, the wife of John Weſton, of Sutton, in Surry, Eſq; and Anne, married to Richard Beeling, alias Arundel, Eſq; (ſon and heir of Sir Richard Beeling, Knt.) who aſſum'd the name, and enjoy'd the eſtate of Arundel, of Langherne, in com. Cornub. and left two daughters, his coheirs, Frances, married to the late Sir John Gifford, of Burſtall, in com. Leiceſt. Bart. (and now his relict,) and

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and Mary, married to the hon. Mr. Arundell, eldeſt ſon to the lord Arundell, of Wardour.

Sir Thomas Gage, Bart. eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to his father, died unmarried, at Rome, in his travels, Nov. 22, 1660, and in the chapel of the Engliſh college there, on a white marble graveſtone, is this inſcription for him (*a*):

D. O. M.
Thomae Gagio, Equiti,
Baronetto Anglo, Suſſexienſi;
Patre, Honoribus, ac Nominibus,
Matre, Nobilitati pari,
Maria Tankervilla,
Alias Camberlana, nato;
Familiae non magis
Generis Claritate,
Quam perpetua Fidei Catholicae
Conſtantia principiis
Illuſtris.
Qui in ipſo ætatis Flore,
Ipſoque in almam Urbem ingreſſu,
Deo Animam, Corpus Terrae
Inter Cives ſuos tradidit
xxii Novembris, Anno Dni MDCL.
Johannes Gagius, Eques
Baronettus, cariſſimo Fratri
Maerens poſuit.

He was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his brother,

Sir John Gage, Bart. who took to wife, firſt, Mary, daughter of Thomas Middlemore, of Egbaſton, in com. Warw. Eſq; and on her deceaſe, 28 July, 1686, married, ſecondly, Mary, daughter of Sir William, and ſiſter of Sir Rowland Stanley, of Hooton, in Cheſhire, Bart. he had by the former, three ſons, and ſeven daughters, whereof only two daughters ſurviv'd, and became his coheirs, viz. Mary, married to Sir John Shelley, Bart. father of the preſent Sir John, and Bridget, matched with Thomas Bellaſys, lord viſcount Fauconberg, and died Nov. 18, 1732, being mother of the preſent lord. This Sir John, by his laſt wife, had one daughter, Mary, wedded to Henry, lord Tenham, (and deceaſed without iſſue,) likewiſe three ſons, Sir John, Sir Thomas, and Sir William. Sir John, the father, dying May 27, 1699, in the fifty-eighth year of his age, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir John Gage, Bart. who, departing this life in January, $\frac{1688}{1788}$, aged about eight years, was ſucceeded by Sir Thomas, his next brother.

Which

(*a*) Ex Autog. Ric. Rawlinſon, LLD.

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Which Sir Thomas Gage, Bart. travelling in France, for his further accompliſhment, died there, in October, 1713, in the twentieth year of his age, and was interr'd at Blaye, in the province of Guinne, whereupon the title of baronet, and a great eſtate, devolv'd on his only brother, the preſent Sir William Gage, Bart.

Which Sir William Gage, of Firle, Bart. born in the year 1695, was elected in the laſt parliament of King George I. a member of parliament for the town of Seaford, in Suſſex; for which place he has ſerv'd ever ſince; and on the 17th of July, 1725, was inſtalled one of the knights-companions of the moſt honourable order of the Bath. He is as yet unmarried.

ARMS: Gyronny of four, Azure and Argent, a Saltire, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Ram, paſſant, Argent, armed, main'd, &c. Or.

SUPPORTERS: Two dunn Greyhounds, collar'd, Or.

MOTTO: *Courage ſans peur.*

SEAT: At *Firle*, near *Lewes*, in *Suſſex*.

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64. PRIDEAUX, of Netherton, Devonſhire.

(EDMUND, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, July 17, 1622.

THE name of Prideaux, is of undoubted antiquity in the counties of Cornwall, and Devon; their firſt reſidence was at Prideaux-caſtle, in the firſt named county, where we find that *(a)* Paganus de Prideaux, was ſeized of it, at the Norman conqueſt, whoſe ſon, Richard, died, anno 1122, to whom ſucceeded, Baldwin Prideaux, who died 1165; his ſon, Nicholas, lord of Prideaux, died 1169, and left twins, Richard, and Herden: to Herden, his father gave all his lands in Devonſhire, which he greatly increaſed, by marrying the daughter and heir of Ralph Orcharton, of Orcharton, in the pariſh of Modbury, in com. Devon. but of him, more hereafter.

Richard, ſon of Richard, lord of Prideaux, died 1250, his ſon, Baldwin, was lord of Prideaux, to whom ſucceeded Thomas, lord of Prideaux, who married the daughter of Sir Philip Bodrigan, Knt. his ſon, Robert, gave certain lands in Frank-Allmoigne, to the priory of Trewardrith; his brother, Galfrid, ſucceeded

(*a*) From edit. 1727, as then ſent by the family.

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him, and left iſſue, Roger, who was ſucceeded by Richard, lord of Prideaux, who died 3 Ed. III. in this family, Prideaux-caſtle continued, till temp. Hen. VI. when it went away with a daughter and heir, married to Thomas Herle, of Weſt-Herle, in the county of Northumberland, Eſq;

Herden Prideaux, before-mentioned, who married *(a)* the heireſs of Orcharton, had iſſue, Sir Jeffery Prideaux, of Orcharton, Knt. who was ſucceeded by Ralph, his ſon, who married the daughter of Sir William Bigberry, of Bigberry, in com. Devon, Knt. and left iſſue, Roger, who married Catherine, daughter and heir of Hugh, ſon and heir of Sir Walter Treverbian, Knt. and had iſſue, Roger, who married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Clifford, Knt. and was choſen one of the knights of the ſhire, for the county of Devon *(b)*, temp. Edw. III. by her he had, John Prideaux, of Orcharton, created knight-banneret *(c)*, who bore ſupporters to his arms, viz. two knights-templers, habited proper; and was ſeveral times choſen knight of the ſhire, for Devon: he married the daughter of Roger Mortimer *(d)*, earl of March, by whom he had, Piercy Prideaux, of Orcharton, alſo made knight-banneret *(e)*, who married Iſabella, daughter of William Montacute, earl of Saliſbury, and king of the Iſle of Man, and had iſſue, Roger, and Sir John, of whom hereafter.

Orcharton, continued for a great many generations, in the line of Roger, but the eſtate was very much hurt by a duel, that happened near Modbury, between *(f)* Sir John Prideaux, ſon of Sir Roger, and Sir William Bigberry, wherein the latter was kill'd, and Sir John Prideaux, was forc'd to part with ſeveral conſiderable manors *(g)*, to ſave his life, being of the party againſt Henry IV.—There are ſeveral monuments belonging to the Prideaux family, in Modbury-church, of ſtone, and marble, which were ſadly defaced in the laſt civil war.

Sir John Prideaux, Knt. ſecond ſon of Sir Piercy Prideaux, of Orcharton, knight-banneret, had a conſiderable eſtate given him by his father, on his marriage with Joan, daughter and ſole heir of Gilbert Adeſton, of Adeſton, in the county of Devon, Eſq; by whom he had, Giles Prideaux, of Adeſton, who married the daughter and heir of —— Gunſtone, and was ſucceeded by Sir John Prideaux, of Adeſton, Knt. who had three wives; 1. Joan, daughter and heir of Nicholas Bromford, of Bromford, in Devon; 2. a daughter of —— French, and 3. a daughter of John Shepton; and was ſucceeded by William Prideaux, of Adeſton, who had

(a) Ex inform. Dom. Jo. Prideaux, Bar. *(b)* Ibid. *(c)* Ibid. *(d)* Ibid. *(e)* Ibid. *(f)* Prince's worthies of Devon. p. 507. *(g)* Sir John Prideaux, who kill'd his kinſman, Sir William Bigberry, at the five croſſes, near Modbury, parted with the manors of Colm-John, Coningham-head, Stoking-head, Godford, Halfcomb-Dean, Newton, and Popelsford, and their demeaſnes, to obtain his pardon. Leland's Itin. vol. III. p. 28. and Riſdon's Devon, vol. II. p. 243.

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had two wives; firſt, Alice, daughter and heir of Stephen Giffard, of Thewborough, in com. Devon; and ſecondly, a daughter of John Forteſcue, Eſqrs; by the laſt he had no iſſue, but by the firſt, he had iſſue, Sir Fowke Prideaux, who likewiſe married twice; firſt, Joan, daughter of Sir Richard Edgecombe, Knt. by whom he had no iſſue; ſecondly, Catherine, daughter of Sir Humphry Poynts, of Langley, in com. Devon, Knt. He removed from his ſeat of Adeſton, and ſettled at Thewborough, and was ſucceeded by his ſon, Humphry Prideaux, of Thewborough, and Adeſton, who alſo had two wives; firſt, Jane, daughter of Richard Fowell, of Fowelſcombe, in com. Devon, Eſq; 2. Edith, daughter of William Hutch, of Aller, in com. Devon. By his firſt wife, he left iſſue, Sir Richard Prideaux, of Thewborough, and Adeſton, Knt. who married Catherine, daughter of John Arundel, of Trerice, in Cornwall, Eſq; and had iſſue, William, and Roger Prideaux, of Soldon, Eſq; who was in conſiderable employments, and high ſheriff of Devonſhire, the beginning of Queen Elizabeth's reign; he very much improved his fortune by conſiderable purchaſes of land, both in Devon, and Cornwall: and married Philippa, daughter of Sir Richard York, Knt. ſerjeant at law, and had iſſue two ſons, Nicholas, anceſtor to the Prideaux's, of Soldon, and Edmond.

Which Edmond, 'ſtudied the law in the Inner-temple *(a)*, 'where he contented not himſelf with the formalities of a ſtudent, 'that is, with gown, cap, and commons in the hall, but ſo dili-'gently applied his buſineſs, that he became very eminent for his 'ſkill and learning in that profeſſion, ſo that in 40 Eliz. he was 'autumn-reader of his houſe, and 6 Jac. I. he became treaſurer 'of the ſame, and in the thirteenth of the ſame reign, he was 'double reader:' he made a great figure in the law, and raiſed a large eſtate in the counties of Devon, and Cornwall; and was, by King James I. advanced to the dignity of a baronet. He married three wives; firſt, Bridget, daughter of Sir John Chicheſter, of Raleigh, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had three daughters, Tabitha, married to Thomas Aylworth, of Cornwall, Eſq; Sarah, to John Forteſcue, of Fallow-pit, in Devon, Eſq; and Admonition, to John Moyle, of Bake, in Cornwall, Eſq;

Sir Edmond's ſecond wife was, Catherine, daughter of Piers Edgecombe, of Mount Edgecombe, Eſq; by whom he left two ſons, Sir Peter, his ſucceſſor, of whom hereafter, and Edmond Prideaux, of Ford-Abby, Eſq; This gentleman, was bred to the law, and 'of ſo great reputation *(b)*, as well for zeal to reli-'gion, as ſkill in the law, 'tis not ſtrange, he was choſen a mem-'ber of that which was called the long parliament, wherein he

(a) Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 507. (b) Ibid. p. 509.

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'became a very leading man; for, ſtriking in with the prevail-
'party of thoſe times, (though he never joined with them in ſet-
'ting upon the life of his ſovereign) he grew up to great wealth
'and dignity: he was made commiſſioner to the great ſeal *(a)*,
'worth 1500l. per ann. and by ordinance of parliament, did
'practice within the bar, as one of the king's council, worth
'5000l. per ann. after that, he was attorney-general, worth
'what he pleaſed to make it, and then, poſt-maſter-general for
'all the inland letters, which, at ſix-pence the letter, as they
'went in thoſe days, was worth 15000l. per ann. from all which
'rich employments, he acquired a great eſtate, and among other
'things, purchaſed the abby of Ford, lying in the pariſh of
'Thorncombe, in Devon, where he built a noble new houſe,
'out of the ruins of the old, which he left unto Edmond Pri-
'deaux, Eſq; his only ſon, by his ſecond wife, the daughter and
'coheir of —— Every, of Cottey, in Somerſet, Eſq; (for, his
'firſt wife, the daughter of —— Collins, of Ottery St. Mary, in
'Devon, died without iſſue,) which Edmond, by Amy, his wife,
'daughter and coheir of John Fraunces, of Combeflory, in So-
'merſetſhire, Eſq; had iſſue, Elizabeth, married to John Speke,
'of White-Lackington, in com. Somerſet. Eſq; who died with-
'out iſſue, and Margaret, his only ſurviving daughter, married,
'1690, unto Francis Gwyn, of Lanſanor, in Glamorganſhire,
'Eſq;' member in ſeveral parliaments for the city of Wells, by whom ſhe had ſeveral children, whoſe eldeſt ſurviving ſon and heir, Francis Gwyn, of Ford-abby, Eſq; now living, hath married a ſiſter of Thomas Pitt, of Boconnock, in Cornwall, Eſq; by whom he hath as yet no iſſue.

Sir Edmond Prideaux, Bart. beforementioned, married to his third lady, Mary, daughter of Richard Reynell, of Eaſt-Ogwell, and relict of Arthur Fowell, of Fowelſcombe, both in com. Devon, Eſqrs. by whom he left no iſſue. Sir Edmond, died at Netherton, and lieth interred in the pariſh church of Farway, in com. Devon, unto whoſe memory is there erected, a fair monument, adorned with divers coats of arms, and in a table whereof, is this inſcription *(b)*:

> In Memory of Sir Edmond Prideaux, Baronet, who died the 28th of March, Anno { Domini, 1628. / Ætatis ſuæ, 74.

Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart. his eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor, married Suſanna, daughter of Sir Anthony Poulet, Knt. ſiſter of John, the firſt lord Poulet, of Hinton St. George, by whom he had three ſons,

(*a*) Prince, ibid. who quotes for his places and value, a pamphlet entitled, The Names of ſuch Members of the Houſe of Commons as held Offices, civil and military, contrary to their ſelf-denying Ordinance, of April 3, 1645. (*b*) Prince, ibid. p. 509.

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ſons, Edmund, and John, who both died unmarried before their father; and Sir Peter, his ſucceſſor; alſo two daughters, Margaret, married to Thomas Drew, of the Grange, in com. Devon, Eſq; and Mary; and dying in the year 1682, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his youngeſt ſon,

Sir Peter Prideaux, Bart. who married the lady Elizabeth Granville, daughter of the immortal Sir Bevil Granville, of Stow, in Cornwall, Knt. and ſiſter to John, earl of Bath, (all the children of Sir Bevil, were ennobled, and to take place and precedency as earls daughters, by the patent to John, earl of Bath,) by whom he had iſſue four ſons, Sir Edmond, his ſucceſſor, Peter, fellow of All-Souls college, Oxford, John, who married Anne, daughter and heir of Humphry Prideaux, of Soldon, in Devon, Eſq; and Roger, who died S. P. alſo ſeveral daughters; of which, ——, married Sir William Drake, of Aſh, in Devon, Bart. and another, the rev. Mr. Harwood. Sir Peter, dying in Nov. 1705, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Edmond Prideaux, Bart. who repreſented the borough of Tregony, in Cornwall, in the laſt parliament of Q. Anne, and firſt of K. George I. He married three wives; firſt, Suſanna, daughter of James Winſtanley, of Branſton, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; relict of —— Auſtin, of Durhams, in Middleſex, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, and a daughter, viz. Sir Edmond, his ſucceſſor, and Peter, who married twice; firſt, Suſanna, widow of Richard Coffin, Eſq; and daughter of —— Kellond, Eſq; by whom he had a daughter and heir, Suſanna, married to Charles Evelyn, Eſq; ſecond ſon of Sir John Evelyn, Bart. ſecondly, Dorothea, eldeſt daughter of Clement Pettit, of Dentyleon, in the Iſle of Thanet, in Kent, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue, and died before his elder brother, Sir Edmond; Suſanna, the daughter, was the firſt wife of Phineas Cheek, Eſq; Sir Edmond's ſecond lady was, Elizabeth, (*a*) daughter and coheir of George Saunderſon, of Thoreſby, in the county of Lincoln, Eſq; and grandaughter of Nicholas Saunderſon, lord viſcount Caſtleton, by whom he had only one child, Sir John, ſucceſſor to his brother: his third wife was, Mary, daughter of Spencer Vincent, Eſq; alderman of London, relict of Sir John Rogers, of Wiſdom, in com. Devon, Bart. by whom he had no iſſue; and dying, Feb. 1719, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his eldeſt ſon, by the firſt marriage.

Sir Edmond Prideaux, Bart. who married two wives (*b*); firſt, Mary, daughter of Samuel Reynardſon, of Hillingdon, in Middleſex, Eſq; by whom he had only one daughter, Mary, married to James Winſtanley, of Branſton, near Leiceſter, Eſq; his ſecond wife was, Anne, daughter of Philip Hawkins, of Pennans, in Cornwall, Eſq; by whom he left only one daughter, Anne, married to John Pendarvis Baſſet, of Treheady, in Cornwall, Eſq;

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Prideaux, Bar. (*b*) Ex infor. Dom. Ed. Prideaux, Bar.

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who died Sept. 25, 1739, leaving her with child, and ſince has been brought to bed of a ſon and heir. Sir Edmund, dying Feb. 26, 1728-9, without iſſue male, was ſucceeded in honour and eſtate, by his half-brother,

Sir John Prideaux, of Netherton, the preſent baronet, who married Anne (*a*), eldeſt daughter of John, lord viſcount Liſburne, (by the lady Mallet Wilmot, his wife, daughter of John Wilmot, earl of Rocheſter,) by whom he has now living, only two ſons, Saunderſon, and Peter; and two daughters. John, his ſecond ſon, was killed before Carthagena, April, 1741.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, Sable, over all, a File of three Lambeaux, Gules.—And Party per Pale, Argent, and Gules, three Caſtles, counterchang'd two and one; which hath been uſed ſometimes ſingle, and ſometimes quartered with other Coats.

CREST: On a Cap of Dignity, a Saracen's Head, coup'd at the Shoulders, looking ſideways, proper.

SEAT: At *Netherton*, in *Devonſhire*.

65. HESILRIGE, of Noſely, Leiceſterſhire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 21, 1622.

THIS ancient family are deſcended from Simon de Haſelrig, lord of Wettiſlade, and Weſt-Brunton, in Northumberland, (*b*) to whom K. Edward I. gave the manors of Yetham-Corbet, and Yetham-Maine, in the county of Roxburgh, 9 Edw. I.

His ſon, Simon de Heſilrig, was father of William de Heſilrig, of Fawdon, in com. Northumb. 36 Ed. III. and 10 Rich. II. and by Joan, his wife, had iſſue, Thomas, 20 Rich. II. who married Iſabel, daughter and coheir of Sir Roger Heron, Knt. (*c*) by Margaret, daughter of Sir Ralph Haſtings, Knt. which Margaret, was ſole heir to her mother, Iſabel, daughter of Sir Rober de Sadington, Knt. by this match, the Noſely eſtate came into the family. Thomas Haſelrig, of Noſely, Eſq; ſon and heir, was high ſheriff of Leiceſterſhire, 16 Hen. VII. he married Elizabeth, daughter of —— Broket, and died 1467, and lies buried in Noſely church, where there is a monument, with this inſcription (*d*):

> Hic jacent Thomas Haſelrige, Armiger, & Elizabetha, Uxor ejus, qui obiit Die Sancti Mathei, Litera Dominicali—— Anno Domini 1467, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus. Amen.

William Haſelrig, Eſq; ſon and heir of Thomas, married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Thomas Staunton, of Staunton-Harold, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; and dying 14 Edw. IV. 1473, was buried

(*a*) Ex infor. Dom. Jo. Prideaux, Bar. (*b*) Burton's Leiceſt. p. 213. (*c*) Ibid. p. 214. (*d*) Ibid. p. 213.

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buried at Noſely, where is a monument for him, with this inſcription *(a)*:

> Hic jacet Willielmus Haſelrig, Armiger, Dominus de Noweſlei, & Eliz. Uxor ejus,— qui Willielmus, obiit Die Sancti Mathei, Litera—Anno 1473.

[' With the Arms of Staunton and Haſelrig, in Pale, ' which was not rare in thoſe times *(b)*, to impale the ' Wives Coat, before the Husbands, for oftentimes, ' when Families had married great Heirs, and ' thereby much enlarged their own Eſtates, they did ' not onely impale the Woman's Coate before the ' Husband's, but many times waine and quite leave ' off bearing of their owne, and betake themſelves ' wholly to their Wives or Mothers Coate.']

Thomas Haſelrig, Eſq; his ſon and heir, was ſquire of the body to Henry VIII. 1515. He married Lucia, daughter and heir of Thomas Entwiſſell, Eſq; and lies buried alſo at Noſely, having this inſcription *(c)*:

> Hic jacent Thomas Haſelrig, Armiger, pro Corpore excellentiſſimi Domini Henrici octavi, & Lucia, Uxor ejus, quæ quidem Lucia obiit octavo Die Menſis Octobris, A°. 1525, & dictus Thomas, obiit—— Die ——— quorum Animabus propitietur Deus. Amen.

By which monument, it further appears, that they had eighteen children, viz. ten ſons, and eight daughters, as their pictures thereupon ſhew.

Bertin Haſelrig, of Noſely, Eſq; 1563, his ſon and heir, married Anne, daughter of John Southill, of Stockerſton, in com. Leiceſt. Eſq; and was father of Miles Haſilrig, Eſq; who, by Bridget, daughter of Sir Thomas Griffin, of Braybrooke, in Northtonſhire, Knt. (who was remarried to William Lane, of Cotteſbrooke, Eſq;) had iſſue, Thomas, his ſon and heir, who took to wife, Urſula, daughter of Sir Thomas Andrews, of Charwelton, in com. Northton, Knt. (by Catherine, his firſt wife, daughter of Edward Cave, of Newbold-Revel, in com. Warw. Eſq;) and had iſſue,

Sir Thomas Haſelrig, of Noſely, Knt. high ſheriff of the county of Leiceſter, 10 Jac. I. and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 20 Jac. I. He married Frances, daughter and heir of Sir William Gorges, of Alderton, in com. Northton, Knt. and had iſſue, eight ſons, and ſix daughters. He died Jan. 11, 1629, aged ſixty-ſix, and his lady, 1638, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſurviving ſon,

Sir

(*a*) Burton's Leiceſterſhire, p. 213. (*b*) Ibid. (*c*) Ibid.

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Sir Arthur Haſelrige, Bart. who repreſented the county of Leiceſter, in parliament, 1640, and thinking, the earl of Strafford, was ſuffer'd to carry matters too far, and that the conſtitution was in danger; out of a regard for the liberties of the ſubject, he oppoſed the meaſures of the court, and preferred to the houſe of commons *(a)*, a bill for the attainder of the earl of Strafford, of high treaſon; but growing obnoxious to the court, he was one of the ſix members *(b)* that had articles of high treaſon exhibited againſt him, by Herbert, the attorney-general; he afterwards joined in oppoſing the king's meaſures, and was colonel of a regiment of cuiraſſiers, called the lobſters, which did great miſchief to the king's affairs: he was a conſiderable man in all conſultations and debates during the war, and was appointed governor of Newcaſtle, and in great favour and eſteem with the protector. In the year 1647, 1649, and 1650, he, and his ſon, made the following purchaſes *(c)*:

In 1647, at the ſale of the lands of the ſee of Durham, Sir Arthur Heſilrige, bought Biſhops-Aukland manor, March 8, for	6102	8	11
Nov. 9, 1649, Thomas Heſilrige, Eſq; bought Middleham manor, in Northumberland, for	3306	6	6
Apr. 5, 1650, Sir Arthur, bought Eaſingwood-borough, for — — — —	5833	9	9
June 1, Wolſingham manor, for — —	6764	14	4

Sir Arthur, married two wives; 1. Frances, daughter of Thomas Elmes, of Lilford, in com. Northton, Eſq; by whom he had two ſons, Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor, and another that died before him; and two daughters: this lady, dying 1632, he married to his ſecond wife, Dorothy, ſiſter to Robert Grevile, lord Broke, baron of Beauchamp-court, by whom he had three ſons, tho' only one, Sir Robert, hereafter mentioned, ſurviv'd him, and five daughters, Sir Arthur, died 1660, and his ſecond lady, Jan. 28, 1650.

Sir Thomas Heſilrige, Bart. his only ſurviving ſon by the firſt marriage, ſucceeded him in dignity and eſtate, and married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of George Fenwick, of Brunton-hall, in Northumberland, Eſq; and had iſſue, one ſon, Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor, and three daughters; of which, Mary, married Francis Blith, of Alleſly, in com. Warw. Eſq; and Arabella, Rawſon Hart, Eſq; Sir Thomas, died Feb. 24, 1680, aged fifty-five, and his lady, May 30, 1673.

Sir Thomas Heſilrige, Bart. his only ſon and ſucceſſor, ſerv'd in parliament for the county of Leiceſter, 1690, and died unmarried,

(a) Clarendon, vol. I. p. 226. *(b)* Ibid. vol. II. p 357. *(c)* Willis's ſurvey of cathedrals, vol. I. p. 230, 231, 232. *(d)* Hiſt. rebell. vol. IV. p. 474.

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ried, July 11, 1700, aged thirty-ſix; whereupon the dignity and eſtate devolv'd upon his uncle, Sir Robert, the only ſurviving ſon of Sir Arthur, by the ſecond venter;

Which Sir Robert Heſilrige, Bart. married Bridget, daughter of Sir Samuel Rolle, of Heanton, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had four ſons, who all died unmarried in his life-time, but one ſon, Sir Robert, his ſucceſſor; and four daughters, who all died unmarried, before him, except one daughter, who died June 10, 1720. Sir Robert *(a)*, died May 22, 1713, and his lady, July 26, 1697, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his only ſurviving ſon,

Sir Robert Heſilrige, Bart. who married Dorothy, ſecond daughter of Banaſter, lord Maynard, and died May 19, 1721, leaving one ſon, Sir Arthur, his ſucceſſor, and a daughter, Dorothy, married to the rev. Mr. Battel, of Hertfordſhire.

Sir Arthur Heſilrige, only ſon and ſucceſſor to his father, is the preſent baronet: he married, June, 1725, Hannah, daughter of Mr Sturges, and has iſſue, two ſons, Robert, and Arthur, and five daughters, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Mary, Hannah, and Bridget.

ARMS: Argent, a Cheveron, between three Haſel Leaves, vert.

CREST: On a Chapeau, Gules, lin'd ermine, a Scots Head, proper.

SEATS: At *Noſely-hall*, eight miles from *Leiceſter*, and in *Northampton-Town*.

66. BURTON, of Stockerſton, Leiceſterſhire.

(Sir THOMAS, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, July 22, 1622.

THE firſt I find mentioned of this ancient family, which had formerly large poſſeſſions, and were of great eſteem and reputation in the counties of Rutland, and Leiceſter, is, Henry, ſon of Richard de Burtone, who, by his deed confirmed to the monks of Geronden, in com. Leiceſter, the donations made by Reginald,

(a) In Sir Robert's life-time, Heſilrige, of Swarland, in Northumberland, Eſq; a younger branch of the family, died, and left the manor of Swarland, to Sir Robert Heſilrige, which is alſo enjoy'd by the preſent Sir Arthur, his grandſon, with all the old eſtates of the family, viz. Wettiſlade, Eaſt-Brunton, Weſt-Brunton, Fawdon, Dinington, Wideopen, and Witchet, in Northumberland; Noſely, and Ilſton, in com. Leiceſt.

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Reginald, ſon of Ingehulf, and Reginald, ſon of that Reginald, in Ybeſtoke.

Nicholas de Burton, was lord of Tolethorp, in com. Rutland, in 9 Edw. II. *(a)* (alſo the ſame year *(b)*, knight of the ſhire.) Afterwards, in the time of Edw. III. it was the chief ſeat of his ſon, Sir William de Burton, Knt. one of the juſtices of the king's bench, from 17 Edw. III. to the thirty-ſixth year of that king's reign. He was alſo lord of Foxton, and other lands in com. Leiceſter, and died 49 Edw. III. leaving iſſue, (by Eleanor, his wife,) Sir Thomas de Burton, Knt. *(c)* knight of the ſhire for Rutland, 1 Rich. II. high ſheriff of Rutland, 1379, and ſerv'd again in parliament, in 3 and 5 Rich. II. He, by deed dated at Tolethorp, on the Saturday next after the feaſt of St. Martin, the biſhop, 50 Ed. III. did convey unto John Brown, of Stamford, Eſq; the manor of Tolethorp, together with all its appurtenances, and the perpetual advowſon of the chapel of the ſame; alſo all his lands, tenements, rents, and ſervices, in the village of Little-Caſterton, with the reverſion of the patronage of the church *(d)*. Sir Thomas, died, 8 Rich. II. and lies buried in the church of Little-Caſterton, in com. Rutl. where is graved in braſs, about the verge of a grave-ſtone, this inſcription *(e)*:

> † Hic jacet Dominus Thomas Burton, Miles, quondam Dominus de Tolthorp, ac Eccleſiæ iſtius Patronus, qui obiit ——————. Et Domina Margarita, Uxor ſua in ejus ſiniſtris, quorum Animabus propitietur Deus. Amen.

And left iſſue, by Margaret *(f)*, daughter of Thomas Grenham, Sir Thomas Burton, Knt. high ſheriff of the county of Rutland, four times, viz. 4 and 8 Hen. V. 1 and 6 Hen. VI. and in 9 Hen. V. he was appointed to receive ſuch ſums of money collected in com. Rutl. as ſhould be lent the king, to enable him to carry on the war in France, and in order to his going into Normandy. He married the daughter of Simon Louthe, and was father of Thomas, high ſheriff of Rutland, 18 Hen. VI. who had two wives; firſt, a daughter of Sir Robert Brabeſon, Knt. by whom he had a ſon, that died young. By his ſecond wife, the daughter of Sir Hugh Buſhey, Knt. was father of William, whoſe wife was the daughter of John Folville, of Aſhby-Folville, in com. Leiceſter, Eſq; John Burton, of Uppingham, in com. Rutland, Eſq; his ſon and heir, married the daughter of Thomas Baſing; by her he had a ſon, Thomas, who was knighted by King Henry VIII. and took to wife the daughter of Ralph Lowe, of Denbigh, in com. Derb. Eſq;

(a) Wright's Rutland. p. 128. *(b)* Prynn's Reg. vol. IV. p. 44. *(c)* Ibid. p. 325. *(d)* Wright's Rutlandſhire, p. 128. *(e)* Ibid. p. 37. *(f)* Addit. to Wright's Rutland, p. 11.

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Eſq; by whom he had John Burton, of Braunſton, Eſq; who died 1 Queen Mary, leaving iſſue by the daughter of —— Blackwell, William, his ſon, of the ſame place, who married Alice, daughter of Richard Peck, of Ridlington, in com. Rutl. by whom he had three ſons; 1. John Burton, of whom hereafter; 2. Bartin Burton, of Okeham, Eſq; anceſtor to thoſe of that place, and of Exton; 3. Simon Burton, of Braunſton, Eſq; anceſtor of that line.

John Burton, eldeſt ſon and heir, was of Stockerſton: he married Anne, daughter and heir of Thomas Digby, of Coats, Eſq; (ſon of Lybeus Digby, of Coats, and Luffenham, Eſq; a fourth brother to Sir Simon Digby, of Coleſhill,) by which marriage, a good eſtate accru'd to them, and had iſſue,

Thomas Burton, Eſq; who having been knighted, was afterwards, viz. 20 James I. further advanced to the higher title of a baronet. He had two wives; firſt, Phillippa, daughter of Henry Cobham, alias Brook, Eſq; grandaughter of George, lord Cobham, and relict of Walter Calverley, of Calverley, in com. Ebor. Eſq; by whom he had only three daughters, Anne, firſt wife of Sir Abel Barker, of Hambleton, in com. Rutland, Bart. Elizabeth, and Frances, who died unmarried.

By his ſecond lady, Anne, daughter of Robert Reynolds, of London, Gent. he left his only ſon and ſucceſſor,

Sir Thomas Burton, of Stockerſton, Bart. who eminently diſtinguiſhed himſelf in behalf of King Charles I. and was in the firſt commiſſion of array, with Sir George Villiers, Sir Henry Skipwith, and others *(a)*, in the county of Leiceſter, upon the breaking out of the rebellion, 1641, and ſuffered ſequeſtration and impriſonment for the royal cauſe: and, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Prettyman, of Lodington, in com. Leiceſt. Bart. of Nova Scotia, (who was remarried to Sir William Halford, of Welham, in com. Leiceſt. Knt.) he had, Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor, and John, who died S. P.

Sir Thomas Burton, Bart. who ſucceeded in the dignity and eſtate, married Anne, eldeſt daughter of Sir Thomas Clutterbuck, of London, and of Blakeſware, in com. Hertf. Knt. and dying 1705, was buried at Newark, in Nottinghamſhire. This Sir Thomas, ſold the Stockerſton eſtate, to Sir Charles Duncomb, Knt.

Sir Charles Burton, his eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded him in the dignity, and is the preſent baronet: he has a brother, Thomas, now living.

ARMS: Sable, a Cheveron, between three Owls, Argent, crown'd, Or.

CREST: On a Torce, an Owl, as in the Arms.

(a) Ruſhworth's Coll. vol. IV. p. 655.

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67. CHUDLEIGH, of Aſhton, Devonſhire.

(GEORGE, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Aug. 1, 1622.

THIS ancient family hath been of long continuance in this county, and flouriſhed for ſeveral generations, at Broad-Cliſt, in com. Devon. and were frequently ſheriffs, in the reigns of King Richard II. Henry VI. and Henry VII, and match'd into ſeveral noble houſes, as, Beauchamp, Pomeroy, Beaumont, Champernon, Nonant, Paulet, Sturton, &c.

Aſhton, anciently called Aſſeriſton, and Aſheriſton, came, with other lands, to them, very early *(a)*, by the marriage of John Chudleigh, ſon of John Chudleigh, of Chudleigh, with Thomaſine, daughter of Richard, ſon of Sir Richard Prous, Knt. unto whom the ſaid Richard Prous, made this conveyance, as by the deed appeareth, a brief whereof followeth *(b)*: *Sciant, &c. quod nos Richardus Prous, & Margarita, uxor mea, conceſſimus, dedimus, &c. Johanni Chuddelegh, & hæredibus ſuis, omnia, terras, & tenementa noſtra, in Aſſeriſton, Shaplegh-Hilion, &c. teſtibus, domino Nich. Kirkham, Johanne de Ferrariis, Rogero de Nonant, militibus; Wilielmo de Fiſacre, Johanne Tremenet, & aliis, dat. apud Gidlegh, A.* 13 *Ed. filii Ed.* 1320.

By which it appeareth, that the ſeat and manor of Aſhton, hath been in the family, upwards of four hundred years.

The deſcendant of this John, was, Sir James Chudleigh, Knt. who married Jane, daughter and heir of Sir John De, Knt. and had iſſue, James Chudleigh, of Aſhton, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who married Margaret, daughter of William, lord Sturton, of which match, this is remarkable on record *(c)*, 'That, by covenant of 'marriage, James Chudlegh, ſhall marry Margaret, daughter to 'William, lord Sturton, who giveth him an hundred marks, 'anno 15 Edw. IV. 1476,' which ſhews how valuable money was at that time, when a lord's daughter had no larger fortune. William, his ſon and heir, married Joan, daughter of Sir William Hody, of Dorſetſhire, Knt. and had iſſue, Sir Richard Chudleigh, Knt. who married Mary, daughter of Sir Nicholas Wadham, of Merifield, in com. Som. Knt. This Sir Richard, is the gentleman, whoſe caſe is ſo well known among the lawyers, and is reported by my lord Coke, by the name of *The caſe of perpetuities*, or, *Chudleigh's caſe.*

Chriſtopher

(*a*) Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 209. (*b*) Pole's great MS. of Chart. &c. p. 212.
(*c*) Pole's MS. in Chidley; and Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 209.

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Chriſtopher Chudleigh, Eſq; eldeſt ſon and heir, married Chriſtiana, daughter of William Stretchley, of Stretchley, in com. Devon, Eſq; by which match *(a)*, a very conſiderable inheritance came into this family. He left iſſue, John Chudleigh, of Aſhton, Eſq; *(b)* 'who was of a right martial, bold, and adventurous ſpirit; for, living in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the famous actions of Drake, Cavendiſh, &c. ſo employed his thoughts, that he had a noble emulation in him, to equal, if not excel the braveſt heroes, and their nobleſt exploits, not at land, where is the leaſt danger, but at ſea.' But he did not live to accompliſh his generous deſigns, dying young, in the Streights of Magellan, leaving iſſue, by Elizabeth, daughter of George Speke, of White-Lackington, in com. Somerſet, Eſq; two very eminent men, Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. and Sir John, who was knighted for his worth *(c)*, by King Charles I. Sep. 22, 1625, alſo a daughter, Alice, married to *(d)* Sir William Langham, of Cotteſbbrooke, in com. Northton, Knt.

George, the eldeſt ſon, was left a minor, of three or four years of age; but by his careful and prudent truſtees, and his own virtuous diſpoſition, had his youth well educated, and his perſon excellently adorned, with all the accompliſhments requiſite to a fine gentleman: ſo that, having been abroad for the moſt exquiſite breeding, that age could yield, he retired home, well improved, and fixed his habitation at his ſeat at Aſhton; and was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by King James I. Here, his demeanour was ſo courteous and obliging, and withal, ſo diſcreet and prudent, that he lived in great eſteem and reputation among his neighbours, and was looked upon as an ornament unto his country: of whom, a judicious author *(e)*, that knew him well, gave this teſtimony, when he muſt be in his younger years: That he was a grave, underſtanding, and hopeful gentleman.

How well he deſerved this good character, not only this country, but the kingdom, came afterward to underſtand: 'For being choſen a burgeſs, (though I do not find of what place) to ſerve in that parliament, which began at Weſtminſter, anno 1640, he had occaſion ſoon offered, for the trial both of his parts and principles: at firſt, indeed, it muſt be granted, that from a miſinformed zeal, he was led aſide, and became very active in the weſt, for the parliament, againſt the king. But both he, and his ſon, afterward (men of great reputation in their country *(f)*) redeemed their former miſcarriages, by very eminent ſervices to his majeſty, King Charles I. both in council and in arms: for, ſoon returning to his loyalty and duty, he publiſhed his declaration, in the year of our lord 1643, wherein 'he

(a) Prince, p. 209. *(b)* Ibid. p. 210. *(c)* Ibid. *(d)* St. George's viſit. Northton, p. 217. *(e)* Pole in Aſhton. *(f)* Lloyd's Mem. p. 473.

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'he ſhewed his reaſons for ſo doing; which are ſo very ſolid and 'convincing, that, as they proved a great ſatisfaction to all un-'biaſſed men, in thoſe times, ſo I ſhall here inſert them, to the 'honour of his memory in ſucceeding ages.

'Petitions of right, ſaith he, are commendable, and remon-'ſtrances may be lawful; but arms, though defenſive, are ever 'doubtful. My lot fell, to be caſt on the parliament's ſide, by 'a ſtrong opinion of the goodneſs of their cauſe, which, to my 'judgment then, appeared to be ſo; religion, and the ſubjects 'liberty, ſeemed to me to be in danger: but the deſtruction of 'a kingdom, cannot be the way to ſave it; nor can the loſs of 'chriſtian ſubjects, nor the ſubjects loſs of their eſtates, by plun-'der and aſſeſſments, conſiſt with piety, nor yet with property. 'As for religion, his majeſty, whom God long preſerve, hath 'given us unqueſtionable ſecurity; I have caſt my ſelf at my 'ſovereign's feet, and implored his gracious pardon; I will con-'tend no more in words or deeds. And this my reſolution, with 'the indiſputable grounds thereof, I thought good to declare to 'my friends and country-men, that they may underſtand my 'ſitting, (he means at Oxford) to proceed from no compulſion.

'After this, according to his loyal and judicious declaration, he 'always adhered to the royal cauſe; and by the influence of his 'reaſons, and his example, both, he brought over others to do 'the ſame. He did what he could to ſtem the tide of rebellion 'and diſloyalty, which at that time, like a mighty torrent, over-'flowed the nation.'

Sir George, married Mary, daughter of Sir William Stroud, of Newnham, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had ſeveral ſons, who all died unmarried, except Sir George, his ſucceſſor, and Thomas, who, by ——, daughter of ——Vaughan, Eſq; left iſſue, Thomas Chudleigh, Eſq; envoy to Holland, temp. Car. II. who married Elizabeth, daughter of ——Cole, of Oxfordſhire, Eſq; Sir George, had alſo ſeveral daughters, of which, one married —— Rolle, of Devonſhire; another, to —— Aſhford, of Aſhford, in com. Devon; another, married, firſt, to ——Clifford, of Ugbroke, in com. Devon, and afterwards, to ——Cole, of Oxfordſhire, Eſqrs. But as colonel James Chudleigh, one of his ſons, was ſo conſiderable a man, we ſhall here give lord Clarendon's account of him.

After the defeat of the rebels, at the battle of Stratton, 'the 'earl of Stamford (*a*), to make his own conduct and misfortune the 'leſs cenſur'd, induſtriouſly ſpread abroad in all places, and con-'fidently ſent the ſame information to the parliament, That he 'had been betray'd by James Chudleigh; and that, in the heat 'of the battle, when the hope of the day ſtood fair, he had vo-'luntarily, with a party, run over to the enemy, and imme-'diately

(*a*) Clarendon's hiſt. vol. III. p. 271.

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'diately charg'd the parliament forces; which begot in all men 'a general apprehenſion of treachery, the ſoldiers fearing their 'officers, and the officers their ſoldiers revolt; and thereupon 'the rout enſued. Whereas, the truth is, as he was a young 'man of excellent parts, and courage, he performed the part of 'a right good commander, both in his orders, and his perſon; 'and was taken priſoner in the body of his enemy, whither he 'had charg'd with undaunted courage, when there was no other 'expedient in reaſon left. But this ſcandal, ſo without colour, 'caſt on him, and entertain'd with more credit than his ſervices 'had merited, (for from the time of his engagement to the par-'liament, he had ſerv'd not only with full ability, but with 'notable ſucceſs, and was the only man that had given any in-'terruption to the proſperity of the Corniſh army, and in a night-'ſkirmiſh, at Bradock-down, near Okington, ſtruck a great ter-'ror into them, and diſordered them more than they were at any 'other time,) wrought ſo far upon the young man, together with 'the kind uſage, and reception he found as a priſoner, among 'the chief officers, who lov'd him as a gallant enemy, and one 'like to do the king good ſervice, if he were recover'd to his loy-'alty, that after he had been priſoner about ten days, he freely 'declared, That he was convinced in his conſcience, and judg-'ment, of the errors he had committed; and, upon promiſe made 'to him of the king's pardon, frankly offer'd to join with them 'in his majeſty's ſervice; and ſo gave ſome countenance to the 'reproach that was firſt moſt injuriouſly caſt upon him.

'The truth is, he was of too good an underſtanding, and too 'much generoſity in his nature, to be affected to the cauſe which 'he ſerv'd, or to comply with thoſe arts, which he ſaw practiſed 'to carry it on; and having a command in Ireland, when the 'war firſt broke out, he came thence into England, with a pur-'poſe to ſerve the king; and to that end, ſhortly after his ma-'jeſty's coming to Oxford, he came thither to tender his ſervice; 'but he found the eyes of moſt men fixed upon him with preju-'dice and jealouſy there, both for his family's ſake, which was 'notoriouſly diſaffected to the king, and for ſome errors of his 'own, in that plot, that was ſo much ſpoken of, to bring up the 'northern army to awe the parliament; in which buſineſs, be-'ing then a very young man, and of a ſtirring ſpirit, and deſi-'rous of a name, he had expreſs'd much zeal to the king's ſer-'vice, and been buſy in inclining the army to engage in ſuch 'petitions, and undertakings, as were not gracious to the par-'liament. But when that diſcovery was made by Mr. Goring, 'as is before remember'd, and a committee appointed to examine 'the combination, this gentleman, wrought upon by hopes, or 'fears, in his examination, ſaid much that was diſadvantageous

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'to the court, and therefore, bringing no other teſtimony with 'him, to Oxford, but of his own conſcience, he receiv'd nothing 'like countenance there; whereupon he return'd to London, 'ſufficiently incenſed that he was neglected; and was quickly 'entertain'd for their weſtern employment, where his neareſt 'friends were throughly engaged. But after this defeat, his for-'mer paſſion being allayed, and his obſervation and experience 'convincing him, that the deſigns of the parliament were not 'ſuch as were pretended, he reſign'd himſelf to thoſe who firſt 'conquer'd him with force, and then with reaſon and civility.'

This colonel James Chudleigh, was afterwards ſlain at Dartmouth, in his majeſty's ſervice, when the town and caſtle were yielded to Sir Thomas Fairfax, the parliament's general; of whom, lord Clarendon, further ſays (*a*), 'A gallant young gen-'tleman, who received a ſhot with a muſquet, in the body, at 'the ſeige of Dartmouth, of which he died within few days, and 'was a wonderful loſs to the king's ſervice:' when the royal cauſe ſunk, this family, (ſays Prince, in his worthies of Devon,) as well as others, paid dear for their loyalty. Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. died 1657, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by,

Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. ſecond ſon of Sir George, (his elder brother, John, dying in the life-time of his father, aged fourteen) who married Elizabeth, daughter of Hugh Forteſcue, of Fillegh, in com. Devon, Eſq; by whom he had three ſons, 1. John, who died unmarried; 2. Sir George, his ſucceſſor, and 3. Hugh Chudleigh, of Weſtminſter, Eſq; who married Suſan, daughter of Sir Richard Strode, of Newnham, in Devon, Knt. ſiſter and heir of —— Strode, of Challington, in com. Dorſet, Eſq; and left iſſue. Sir George, had alſo ſeveral daughters, of which, Elizabeth, married —— Hunt, of Chudleigh, in com. Devon. Grace, to Thomas Gibbon, of Exeter; Jane, to Roger Strode, of Devon, Eſq; and Dorothy, to Charles Ford, of Exeter. Sir George, died 1691, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſurviving ſon,

Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. who married (*b*) Mary, daughter of Richard Lee, of Winſlade, in com. Devon, Eſq; ſhe was a lady of great virtue, and natural parts, as appears by what ſhe publiſh'd, in verſe and proſe. She died in the year 1710, and he, 1719: they had iſſue, Sir George, ſucceſſor to the title and eſtate; Thomas, and other children: he was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir George Chudleigh, Bart. who married Frances, one of the daughters and coheirs of the late Sir William Davie, of Creedy, in

(*a*) Clarendon, p. 397. (*b*) Ex infor. Dom. Geo. Chudleigh, Bar.

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in com. Devon. Bart. by whom he had only three daughters; and dying at Aſhton, Oct. 10, 1738, was ſucceeded by his couſin,

Sir Thomas Chudleigh, Bart. who was a lieutenant in lord James Cavendiſh's regiment of foot, who dying unmarried at Aix la Chapelle, June, 1741, was interr'd July 12, following, at Chelſea, in Middleſex, and was ſucceeded by his couſin, Sir John, ſon of the late colonel Chudleigh, by a daughter of Mr. Guernier, of Pall-Mall.

Which Sir John Chudleigh, is the preſent baronet, and unmarried.

ARMS: Ermine, three Lioncels, rampant, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Savage, proper, his Privities cover'd, and a Garland about his Head, proper, a Bugle-horn, hanging on a String, from his Shoulder, on his left Side, and his left Arm bent, and in his right Hand, a Hercules' Club, proper.

SUPPORTERS: Two Savages, or Wild Men, proper.

MOTTO: *Aut vincam, aut peribo.*

68. DRAKE, of Buckland, Devonſhire.

(FRANCIS, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Aug. 2, 1622.

THE firſt we find mentioned of this family, is, John Drake, of Taviſtock, in com. Devon, afterwards vicar of Upnor, in that county, who fled into Kent. temp. Hen. VIII. (*a*) for fear of the ſix articles, wherein the ſting of popery ſtill remain'd, tho' the teeth thereof were knock'd out, and the pope's ſupremacy aboliſhed. He had two ſons, Francis, and Thomas: the eldeſt ſon was, Sir Francis Drake, (having that chriſtian name (*b*) from his godfather, Francis, earl of Bedford,) knighted by Q. Elizabeth, on ſhipboard, at Deptford, 1581; he repreſented Boſſiney, in Cornwall, 27 Eliz. and Plymouth, in Devon, 35 of that reign. Mr. Camden, calls him, the greateſt captain of the age, in maritime atchievements: his blocking up the bay of Mexico, for two years together, with continual defeats of the Spaniards; his ſailing quite round the world, with great conduct and bravery, and change of fortune, and his other naval atchievements, which made him ſo famous and memorable, are fitter for a hiſtory and volume by it ſelf, than a deſign of this nature. He married Elizabeth, only daughter of Sir George Sydenham, of Combe-Sydenham, in com. Somerſet. Knt. (who ſurviving him, afterwards married William Courtenay, of Powderham-caſtle, in Devonſhire, Eſq;) and dying Jan. 28, 1595, without iſſue, left a large eſtate to his nephew, Francis Drake, Eſq; ſon and heir of his brother, Thomas, by Elizabeth, daughter of —— Gregory, which Thomas, had

(*a*) Prince's worthies of Devon, p. 239. (*b*) Ibid.

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alſo a daughter, Elizabeth, married to John Bampfylde, of Poltimore, in Devon, Eſq;

Francis Drake, Eſq; before mentioned, was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 20 Jac. I. and in 25 of that reign, he was repreſentative in parliament for Plympton, in that county, and 3 Car. I. knight of the ſhire for Devon. He married two wives; firſt, Jane, daughter of Sir Amias Bampfylde, of Poltimore, in com. Devon, Knt. by whom he had one daughter, Dorothy, that died an infant; ſecondly, Joan, daughter of Sir William Strode, of Newnham, in Devon, Knt. by whom he had four ſons; 1. Sir Francis, his ſucceſſor; 2. Thomas, who married the daughter of —— Grimes, Eſq; and was father of Sir Francis, hereafter mentioned; 3. —— Drake, of Ivybridge, and 4. Joſeph.

Sir Francis Drake, Bart. eldeſt ſon and heir, ſucceeded his father in title and eſtate: he ſerv'd in parliament for Newport, in Cornwall, and Beer-Alſton, in com. Devon, temp. Car. II. and married Dorothy, daughter of —— Pym, of Brymmore, in Somerſetſhire, Eſq; but dying without iſſue, was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate by his nephew,

Sir Francis Drake, Bart. before mentioned, who ſerv'd in parliament for Taveſtock, temp. Car. II. and again, temp. Will. & Mar. He had three wives; firſt, Dorothy, daughter of Sir John Bampfylde, of Poltimore, Bart. ſecondly, Anne, daughter and coheir of Thomas Boon, of Mount-Boon, in Devonſhire, Eſq; and had no iſſue by either of them; and thirdly, a daughter of Sir Henry Pollexfen, Knt. lord chief juſtice of the common-pleas, by whom he had a daughter, married to Thomas Martin, Eſq; one of the judges of the counties of Carnarvon, Merioneth, and Angleſea, alſo his ſon and ſucceſſor,

Sir Francis-Henry Drake, Bart. who repreſented the borough of Taveſtock, in the two parliaments of King George I. and ſerv'd again for the ſame borough, in the firſt parliament called by his preſent majeſty, and in the laſt parliament was elected for Beeralſton, in com. Devon. He married ——, daughter of Samuel Heathcote, of Hurſley, in Hampſhire, Eſq; ſiſter to the preſent Sir William Heathcote, Bart. and died Jan. 26, 1739-40, ætat. 47, leaving iſſue three ſons and two daughters, viz. Sir Francis-Henry, his ſucceſſor; Francis-William, and Samuel; Anne, and Sophia, all in their minority.

Sir Francis-Henry Drake, his eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor, is the preſent baronet.

ARMS: Sable, a Feſs wavy, between the two Pole-Stars, Argent.

CREST: On a Helmet, a Ship, under Ruff, drawn round a Globe, with a Cable-rope, by a Hand out of the Clouds, with this

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this Motto over it, *Auxilio divino*; and under it, *Sic parvis magna.*

SEAT: At *Buckland-Monachorum*, near *Taveſtock*, in *Devonſhire.*

69. WASTNEYS, of Headon, Nottinghamſhire.

(HARDOLPH, ESQUIRE,)

Created BARONET, Dec. 18, 1622.

THIS family are undoubtedly of great antiquity: their original, at this time of day, cannot be made out; tho, in the liſt of the ſurnames of noblemen and gentlemen, that came into England, with William, the conqueror, is *(a)* Waſtneis. The firſt we find mentioned in the pedigree, is, Sir Hardulf Gaſteneys, Knt. *(b)* who had two wives; firſt, Ravenilda, daughter of ——; ſecond, Bertreia, daughter of ——: Sir Robert Gaſteneys, Knt. his ſon, was father of Sir Philip, who, by Amphelis, daughter and coheir of Sir Robert Morley, Knt. had iſſue, Sir William, father of Sir William, who had two ſons, both William's, and both knights; of the youngeſt Sir William, the immediate anceſtor of this family, we ſhall treat hereafter.

In the memorandums of Burwaſh, biſhop of Lincoln, folio 49, is mention'd, that in 18 Ed. II. 1324, the French king, Charles, the Fair, intending an invaſion upon the coaſts of England, king Edward II. appoints Sir Robert de Hercy, and Sir William Waſtneys, Knts. to raiſe the array in the parts of Lindſey, and therewith defend the coaſts; and the ſaid biſhop Burwaſh, was to tender them the uſual oaths.

Sir William, the eldeſt ſon, had free warren in Braſinburgh, and Carleby, in co. Lincoln, and Garthorp, in Leic. and Colton, in Staffordſhire, 48 Hen. III. *(c)* He is alſo thus mentioned in a deed; *Willmus de Waſtneys, mercat. & fer. in Braſingburgh, in co. Lincoln.* 55 *Hen.* 3. *(d)* and temp. Edw. I. he was denominated, *de co. Stafford.* and by Conſtance, his wife, was father of Sir John, who, by Iſabella, daughter of German Hay, of Acton, in com. Ebor. had two ſons, Sir William, and John Gaſteneys, rector of the church of Cranweys, who was living 10 Edw. III.

(*a*) Stow's Chronicle, p. 108. (*b*) From Sir Hardolph Waſtneys's pedigree, this account is chiefly taken. (*c*) Claus. 48 Hen. III. m. 3. (*d*) Claus. 55 Hen. III. m. 10.

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Sir William, took to wife the daughter of Sir John Brett, of Norfolk, and left iſſue, Sir Thomas, living 10 Edw. III. and John Gaſteneis, living 18 Edw. III. Sir Thomas de Gaſteneys, Knt. married Johanna, daughter of John Toly, of Wymondham. He is thus mentioned in a deed; *Ego Thomas de Gaſteneys, miles, & Johanna, uxor mea, dedimus Johanni de Gaſteneys, fratri noſtro ad totam vitam ſuam, unum meſſuagium, &c. dat. anno* 18 *Edw.* 3. and ſealed with the lion, as now borne by the family; but this line terminated in Thomaſine, his daughter and ſole heir, married to Sir Nicholas Greſely, of Drakelow, in Derbyſhire, Knt. by which match, Colton, and other lands in Staffordſhire, of great value, went to the Greſeleys, (ſee Camden, in Derbyſhire.)

Sir William Gaſtneis, called the younger, ſecond ſon of Sir William, gave his land in Diedburgh, in com. Leiceſter, to Edmond, his ſon; which Edmond, purchaſed the manor of Totwick, in com. Ebor. of Sir John Horbury, Knt. 28 Edw. I. This Edmond, had a charter warren, by King Edward I. in his manor of Totwick, with the advowſon of the church, dated 28 Edw. I. he left ſeveral children, viz. Sir Hardolph, Sir Edmond, Robert, who married, but had no iſſue; William, Thomas, and Reinauld, who died without iſſue.

Sir Hardolph de Waſtneis, Knt. his eldeſt ſon, had a writ directed to him, 9 Edw. III. enjoining him, among others, to come in perſon, *habere colloquium & tractat*, of the weſt-riding of Yorkſhire. He had two wives, firſt, the daughter of Lexbourne, ſecond, Sibill, daughter of ———, but leaving no iſſue by either of them, Sir Edmond, his brother, was his heir; whoſe ſon, Edmond, was father of John; whoſe ſon, John, was lord of Headon, in com. Nottingham, and was returned among the gentry of the county of Nottingham, 12 Hen. VI. Robert, his ſon, held in Headon, and Ouſthrop, in com. Nottingham, two knights fee, about the time of Edw. IV. he married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Nelſon, of Yorkſhire, merchant of the ſtaple, and had iſſue, George Waſtneis, Eſq; whoſe wife was, Elizabeth, daughter of William Blithe. George, his eldeſt ſon, married Anne, daughter of Richard Baſſet, of Fledborough, and was father of George, who, by Mary, daughter of —— Melford, left iſſue, Gervaſe Waſtneys, of Headon, in com. Nottingham, Eſq; living 1575, who took to wife, Jane, daughter of Lionel Rereſby, of Thribergh, in com. Ebor. Eſq; by whom he left iſſue, Sir Hardolph Waſtneys, of Headon, and Daniel, who died iſſueleſs.

Sir Hardolph, was created baronet, 20 Jac. I. he died 1649, having ſerved as ſheriff for the county of Nottingham, 11 Car. I. and, by Jane, daughter of Gervaſe Eyre, of Keton, in com. Ebor. Eſq;

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Eſq; had iſſue ſix daughters, viz. Anne, wife of John Rayner, of Eaſt-Drayton, in com. Nottingham, Eſq; Mary, Iſabel, and Roſamunda, who all died unmarried; Martha, was wife of Richard Tye, of Eaſt-Retford, in com. Nottingham, Eſq; and Jane, married to John Kirke, of Eaton, in the ſame county, Eſq; he had alſo three ſons; 1. Sir Hardolph; 2. John, of Totwick, in com. Ebor. who married the daughter of —— Ireland, of Lancaſhire, Eſq; and had iſſue three ſons; 1. Hardolph, who married Mary, daughter of colonel William Sandys, of Aſkham, in com. Nottingham, but died iſſueleſs in his father's life-time; 2. Sir Edmond, and 3. Daniel, who died iſſueleſs; and one daughter, Jane; the third ſon of Sir Hardolph, was, George, who firmly adher'd to King Charles I. and is memorable for ſlaying five perſons at the Devizes, in com. Wilts, on the behalf of that king, in whoſe ſervice he loſt his life.

Sir Hardolph Waſtneys, Bart. the eldeſt ſon, ſucceeded his father, and being well verſed in the laws of his country, was made ſteward of Eaſt-Retford, in com. Nottingham, (a title the duke of Newcaſtle, afterwards had,) and having married Anne, daughter of Sir Thomas Chicheley, of Wimple, in com. Cantab. Knt. died, without leaving any iſſue, 1673, and was ſucceeded by his nephew,

Sir Edmund Waſtneys, Bart. (ſecond ſon of his brother, John,) who married Catherine, daughter of colonel William Sandys, of Aſkham, in com. Nottingham, and left iſſue,

Sir Hardolph Waſtneys, the preſent baronet, who hath married Judith, daughter and heir of colonel Richard Johnſon, of Bilſby, in com. Lincoln, but hath as yet no iſſue.

ARMS: Sable, a Lion rampant, double Queüe, Argent, collar'd, Gules.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Demi-Lion, iſſuant, as in the Arms.

SEATS: At *Headon*, in *Nottinghamſhire*, and *Bilſby*, near *Aylesford*, in *Lincolnſhire*.

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70. SKIPWITH, of Preſtwould, Leiceſterſhire.

(Sir HENRY, KNIGHT,)

Created BARONET, December 20, 1622.

FOR the antiquity and deſcent of this ancient family, ſee Skipwith, of Newbold-hall, in Warwickſhire, vol. III. which is the eldeſt branch of this family.

The branch we are now to treat of, deſcends from Sir William Skipwith, Knt. ſheriff of Lincolnſhire, 18 Hen. VIII. who, by his ſecond lady, Alice, daughter and heir of Sir Lyonel Dymock, of Scrivelſby, in Lincolnſhire, Knt. had iſſue *(a)*,

Henry Skipwith, Eſq; his only ſon, who married Jane, daughter of Francis Hall, of Grantham, in Lincolnſhire, Eſq; by whom he had four ſons; 1. Sir William, of whom hereafter; 2. George, ſlain at Bomwell, in Hollandia, without iſſue; 3. Francis, who died without iſſue; and 4. Henry, of Knighthorp, in com. Leiceſter, who, by Jane, daughter of Leonard Aſton, of Longdon, in Staffordſhire, Eſq; left iſſue. Sir William, had alſo eight daughters; 1. Jane, married to William Samwell, of Upton, in Northamptonſhire; 2. Urſula, married to Edward Aſcough, of Cotham, in Lincolnſhire; 3. Margaret, married to Matthew Saunders, of Shankton, in Leiceſterſhire, Eſqrs. 4. Catherine, married to Sir Walter Aſcough, of Blithburgh, in Lincolnſhire, Knt. 5. Dorothy, married to John Woodward, of Botelers-Marſton, in Warwickſhire; 6. Bridget, married to Walter Aſcough, of Waſhingburgh, in Lincolnſhire; 7. Anne, married to Henry Smith, of Withcock, in Leiceſterſhire, and 8. Elizabeth, married to Thomas Harrington, of South Witham, in com. Linc. Eſqrs.

Sir William Skipwith, Knt. his eldeſt ſon, *Dnus de Cotes*, in Leiceſterſhire, of whom, Mr. Burton, in his deſcription of Leiceſterſhire, ſays *(b)*, 'This worthy perſon, I cannot paſſe him over in 'ſilence, for that his ſo many good parts, his perſon, his valour, 'his learning, judgment, and wiſdome, doe challenge more than 'I can expreſſe. Among the reſt, yet I cannot omit to ſpeak of 'his witty conceits, in making fit and acute epigrams, poeſies, 'mottoes, and devices, but chiefly in deviſing apt and fit impreſſes, agreeing and expreſſing the parties conceit and intendment; 'of which impreſſes, the Italians were the firſt inventors.' He married

(a) Ex ſtem hujus fam. *(b)* P. 77.

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married Margaret, daughter of Roger Cave, of Stanford, in Northamptonſhire, Eſq; by whom he had three ſons; 1. Sir Henry; 2. George, who died without iſſue; 3. Thomas, who married the daughter of John Bluet, of Halaſton, in Lincolnſhire, and left iſſue: alſo three daughters, 1. Jane, married to George, ſon and heir of George Throckmorton, of Fulbrooke, in com. Oxon. Eſq; 2. Anne, married to Edward Pate, ſon and heir of Henry Pate, of Eye-Kettleby, in Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; and 3. Elizabeth, married to Sir John Pate, of Siſonby, in com. Leiceſt. Bart. brother of Edward.

Sir Henry Skipwith, Knt. the eldeſt ſon, was ſeated at Preſtwould, in Leiceſterſhire, and was advanced to the dignity of a baronet, by King James I. he heartily eſpouſed the cauſe of King Charles I. and was one of the commiſſioners of array *(a)* for Leiceſterſhire; and married the third daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas Kempe, of Kent, Knt. by whom he had four ſons, and two daughters; 1. William, who died, *vitâ patris*, S. P. 2. Sir Henry, ſucceſſor to his father; 3. Thomas, who died S. P. 4. Sir Grey, of whom hereafter; alſo Elizabeth, and Diana.

Sir Henry Skipwith, Bart. eldeſt ſurviving ſon, and ſucceſſor to his father, died unmarried ſoon after him, whereupon the title and eſtate went to his next ſurviving brother,

Sir Grey Skipwith, Bart. who, in the time of the rebellion in England, after the death of King Charles I. went with ſeveral other gentlemen, over to *(b)* Virginia, to avoid the uſurper, Cromwell, and there married, and left only one ſon *(c)*,

Sir William Skipwith, Bart. who alſo married in Virginia, and in the year 1730, was about ſixty years of age, and had eight children, and dying ———, was ſucceeded in the title, by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir Grey Skipwith, the preſent baronet, now in Virginia *(d)*, aged about thirty.

ARMS: Argent, three Bars, Gules, in chief, a Greyhound, currant, Sable, collar'd, Or.

(a) Ruſhworth's coll. vol. IV. p. 655. *(b)* By a letter from Virginia. *(c)* Ibid. *(d)* Ibid.

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71. TEMPEST, of Stella, Durham.

(NICHOLAS, ESQUIRE,)
Created BARONET, Dec. 23, 1622.

OF this family, which is of great antiquity, we find, that in 7 Edw. II. 1313, the king releaſes Thomas, earl of Lancaſter, and his adherents, among whom is mentioned, John Tempeſt, of all accuſations (a), whereby they may be charg'd, in relation to the death of Piers Gaveſton.

In 31 Edw. III. 1357, the king appoints Sir Richard Tempeſt, Knt. in conſideration of his fidelity and circumſpection, a commiſſioner to treat with thoſe of Scotland, relating to the delivery from priſon, David de Bruys, with power to take ſecurity, and ſettle all matters regarding the ſame (b). Whereupon, Aug. 6, 1357, John, ſon and heir of the lord John Stewart, of Dernle, and Robert, ſon and heir of lord Robert, de Danyclſton, were deliver'd as hoſtages, to Sir Richard Tempeſt, in behalf of the ſaid David de Bruys.

Nov. 12, 33 Edw. III. 1359, Richard Tempeſt (c), was one of thoſe deputed, by Gilbert de Umfrevile, earl of Angus, and Ralph de Nevil, guardians of the marches on the eaſt of England, with full power to obſerve the truces, made between the king's ſubjects, and the Scots, and to hear and determine matters relating thereto.

Sept. 1, 41 Edward III. 1367, the king appoints Richard Tempeſt (d), and others, guardians of the eaſt marches of Scotland.

Aug. 2, 1408, 9 Hen. IV. the king ſets forth, that Nicholas Tempeſt, Eſq; (e) had traiterouſly adhered to Richard, late archbiſhop of York, Henry, earl of Northumberland, and others, at Shipton-Moor, near York, he now pardons the ſaid treaſon and outlawry, of which he was attainted.

In 11 Henry IV. 1410, the king appointed Robert Tempeſt (f), one of the commiſſioners of array, for the county of Northumberland. 3 Hen. V. 1415, he was again a commiſſioner of array (g) for the weſt riding of Yorkſhire.

9 Hen. V. April 7, 1421, his majeſty appoints Sir Richard Tempeſt (h), to receive the money he had borrowed for his expedition

(a) Rymer's fœd. tom. III. p. 443. (b) Ibid. tom. VI. p. 32, and 36.
(c) Ibid. p. 145. (d) Ibid. p. 570. (e) Ibid. vol. VIII. p. 545. (f) Ibid. p. 639. (g) Ibid. tom. XI. p. 253. (h) Ibid. tom. X. p. 96.

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pedition into Normandy, and other parts of France, and to pay the ſame into his treaſury.

In 5 Hen. VIII. 1513, Richard Tempeſt, was one of the ſquires of the body to that king.

Octob. 1, 20 Hen. VIII. 1528, Sir Thomas Tempeſt *(a)*, was, among others, appointed a commiſſioner, to ſettle the articles of peace, to continue for five years, between the kings of England, and Scotland. He is here called, *Honorabilis & ſpectabilis dominus.*

Jan. 28, 1529, James, king of Scots, ſigns articles, concluded between Sir Thomas Tempeſt *(b)*, Knt. and other commiſſioners on the behalf of England, and thoſe of Scotland, dated at Edinburgh.

In July 14, 1530, 22 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Tempeſt, Knt. *(c)* was one of thoſe in the county of Durham, that was appointed to enquire into cardinal Wolſey's eſtate.

Feb. 27, 2 Eliz. 1560, the queen, (during the vacancy of the ſee of Durham,) grants the ſaid biſhoprick, and the temporalities of the ſame, to be kept by Robert Tempeſt *(d)*, who is to account for the ſame.

The pedigree of this family, (vide Bib. Bodl. e lib. MS. Dodſworth, N°. 6. p. 55.) begins with Richard Tempeſt, who died 34 Ed. I. His ſon, Sir Richard, 16 Ed. III. had the cuſtody of Berwick, whoſe ſon and heir, Sir Richard Tempeſt, Knt. living 1 Hen. IV. in which year he petitioned the commons in parliament, for 500 marks, due to Richard Tempeſt, lieutenant of the caſtle and city of Carliſle: he married Iſabel, daughter and heir of John Graſs, of Studley, and was father of Sir William Tempeſt, of Studley, 8 Hen. IV. His ſon, Rowland Tempeſt, took to wife, Iſabella, daughter of Sir William Elmedon, Knt. (neice to Sir Robert Umfreville, Knt.) and had iſſue, Robert, whoſe wife was, Anne, daughter of William Lambton, of Lambton, in com. Dunelm, Eſq;

Nicholas Tempeſt, Eſq; his ſon and heir, by Agnes, daughter of John Marley, had iſſue, Thomas, who, by Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Place, of Halnaby, in co. Ebor. Eſq; was father of

Nicholas Tempeſt, of Stella, Eſq; advanced to the higher title of a baronet, 20 Jac. I. He had iſſue by Iſabel, daughter of Robert Lambton, of Lambton, Eſq; Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor, William, and Henry, who both died S. P. and a daughter, Jane, married to Thomas Chayter, of Butterby, in com. Durham, Eſq;

Sir Thomas Tempeſt, Bart. married Troth, daughter of Sir Richard Tempeſt, of Bracewell, Knt. (a branch of this family,) by Frances, daughter of Sir Francis Rhodes, Knt. by whom he had

(a) Ibid. tom. XIV. p. 278. *(b)* Ibid. p. 285. *(c)* Ibid. p. 404. *(d)* Ibid. vol. XV. p. 469.

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had iſſue, 1. Sir Richard, his ſucceſſor; 2. Nicholas, who, by Mary, daughter of William Swinburne, of Capeheaton, in Northumberland, Eſq; left only a daughter, Troth, married to John Witham, of Clift, in com. Ebor. Eſq; 3. Thomas, married to Jane, daughter of Sir Jordan Metham, of Metham, in com. Ebor. Knt. and had iſſue, three ſons, Thomas, and Richard, who died iſſueleſs, and Sir Nicholas, the preſent baronet, of whom hereafter. Sir Thomas, had alſo four daughters, viz. Iſabel, married to John Swinborne, of Capeheaton, in Northumb. Troth, to John Kennet, of Coxhow, in Durham; Catherine, to Bryan Salvyn, of Croxdal, in Durham, Eſqrs. and Mary, to John, ſon and heir of Sir Nicholas Thornton, of Witton, in Northumberland, Knt.

Sir Richard Tempeſt, Bart. who ſucceeded his father, was colonel of a regiment of horſe, in the ſervice of King Charles I. and married Sarah, daughter of Sir Thomas Cambell, Knt. lord-mayor of London, and had iſſue, Sir Thomas, the ſucceeding baronet, Richard, and Nicholas; and dying 1662, was buried in Ryton church, in Durham.

Sir Thomas Tempeſt, Bart. died 1690. But by Alice, his wife, ſecond daughter and coheir of William Hodgſon, of Hebburne, in com. Durham, Eſq; (and Margaret, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Haggerſton, of Haggerſton, in Northumberland, Bart.) left one ſon, Sir Francis, his ſucceſſor, and two daughters, Jane, married to William, lord Widdrington, and died Sept. 9, 1714, and Troth, who died young.

Sir Francis Tempeſt, Bart. ſucceeded his father, and died in his nonage, at Monpelier, in France, 1698, whereupon the title devolved upon his couſin,

Sir Nicholas Tempeſt, the preſent baronet *(a)*, (youngeſt ſon of Thomas, the third ſon of Sir Thomas Tempeſt, aforeſaid, Bart.) who married Anne, daughter of Mr. Price, but has no iſſue.

ARMS: Argent, a Bend, engrail'd, between ſix Martlets, Sable.

CREST: On a Wreath, a Martlet, Sable.

SEAT: At *Stanley*, near *Durham*.

(a) Not knowing whether this family is extinct, have inſerted the account of it from the former edition, with additions.

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72. PLAYTERS, of Sotterley, Suffolk.

(Sir THOHAS, KNIGHT,)
Created BARONET, Auguſt 13, 1623.

THIS family hath been of good antiquity in the counties of Norfolk, and Suffolk, as appears by old deeds and records, relating to the family.

The firſt we find mentioned in their pedigree is *(a)*, Thomas Playters, of Thorndon, in Suffolk, Eſq; who was father of Thomas Playters, of Thorndon, and Sotterley, Eſq; who died Sep. 21, 1479, *(b)* he held Welborne manor and advowſon, in Norfolk, Sotterley, and Ugſhall manor, in Suffolk; and lies buried in Sotterley church, towards the upper end of the chancel, where, on a large grave-ſtone, with two full proportioned pictures, in braſs, is this inſcription *(c)*:

> Orate pro Animabus Thome Playters, Armigeri, nuper hujus Eccleſie Patroni, et Anne, Uxoris ejus, et Sororis et Heredis, Roger Denay, nuper de Tadington, Armigeri, qui quidem Thomas, obiit xxi Die menſis Septembris, Anno M.CCCC.LXXIX. et predicta Anna, obiit x Die menſis Octobris, ex tunc prox. ſequent. Quorum Animabus propitietur Deus, Amen.

By Anne, ſiſter and heir of Roger Denny, of Tatington, in Suffolk, Eſq; he left iſſue, William Playters, Eſq; his ſon and heir, who lived 22 Edw. IV. 1483, and died Nov. 11, 1512, and lies buried in the chancel of Sotterley church, under a tomb of free-ſtone, cover'd with a fair marble, with this inſcription, in braſs, about it *(d)*:

> Here lyeth buried, the Body of William Playters, Eſquire, Sonne and Heire to Thomas, and Anne, his Wife, who married Jane, Daughter to Sir Edmond Jenny, of Knotſhall, Knight, by whom he had iſſue, divers Children, and died the xi Day of November, Anno M.D.XII.

He married Jane, daughter of Sir Edmond Jenny, of Knotſhall, in Suffolk, Knt. and had five ſons; four died unmarried; Chriſtopher, the fifth, who lived 7 Hen. VII. 1492, and died Sept.

(a) Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 43. *(b)* Eſch. 19 Ed. IV. 12, 68. *(c)* Weaver's fun. mon. p. 762, where Playſers, is printed, by miſtake, for Playters. *(d)* Ibid. p. 763.

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Sept. 11, 1 Edw. VI. *(a)* ſeized of Sotterley, Ugſhall, and Briſeworth manors, in Suffolk, lies buried in Sotterley chancel, where is another tomb, with the effigies of a man cut in braſs, and this inſcription at his feet *(b)*:

> Here under lyeth buried, the Body of Chriſtopher Playters, Eſquire, true Patron of this Church, Sonne and Heire to William, and Jane, his Wife, who had two Wives, videlicet. Dorothy, one of the Daughters and Heires of William Aſelak, of Carrow, in the County of Norfolke, Eſquire, by whom he had iſſue, Thomas; and by Anne, Daughter to William Read, of Becles, Eſquire, he had iſſue, ſeven Sonnes, and foure Daughters, and he died in the yeare of our Lord God, M.D.XLVII.

He married two wives *(c)*, firſt, Dorothy, ſiſter and coheir to William Aſlack, of Carrow, in Norfolk, Eſq; by whom he had one ſon, Thomas: ſecondly, Anne, daughter of William Read, of Beccles, in Suffolk, Eſq; by whom he had ſeveral children.

Thomas, his ſon and heir, living 32 Henry VIII, died Sep. 9, 1572 *(d)*, ſeized of the manors of Ellowe, Ugſhall manor and advowſon, Sotterley, and lands in thoſe and other towns in Suffolk; and, by Elizabeth, his wife, daughter of Sir Thomas Jermyn, of Ruſhbrooke, in Suffolk, Knt. (and Anne, his wife *(e)*, daughter of Thomas Spring, of Lanham, in Suffolk, Eſq;) had iſſue, William Playters, of Sotterley, Eſq; who held the *(f)* manor of Eloghe, Ugſhall manor and advowſon, Sotterley manor and advowſon, with lands in divers towns in Suffolk, half the manor of Berrys, alias Holkham, in Norfolk, the manor of Scotts, in Eſſex, and died June, 1584, and lies buried in Sotterley church. He had four wives *(g)*, 1. Thomaſine, daughter of George Duke, of Frenſe, Eſq; 2. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Timperley, of Hintleſham, in Suffolk, Eſq; (and Audrey, his wife *(h)*, daughter of Sir Nicholas Hare, Knt. maſter of the rolls;) 3. Thomaſine, daughter and coheir of Edmund Tirrell, of Beches, in Eſſex, Eſq; and 4. Mary, daughter and coheir of William Drake, of Hardley, in Norfolk, Eſq; two of which, left no male iſſue, and the iſſue of the fourth fail'd, after two deſcents, but by his ſecond wife, (Elizabeth Timperley,) he had iſſue,

Sir Thomas Playters, high ſheriff of Suffolk, 1605, knighted at Newmarket, Oct. 19, 1606, and advanced to the dignity of a baronet, 21 Jac. I.

This Sir Thomas, married two wives, firſt, Anne, daughter of Sir William Swan, of Southfleet, in Kent, Knt. by whom he had

(a) Inquiſit. dated Ap. 10, 2 Edw. VI. n. 66. *(b)* Weever's fun. mon. p. 763. *(c)* Le Neve's MSS. of the baronets, vol. I. p. 43. *(d)* Inquiſ. poſt mort. dat. 19 Jan. 15 Eliz. n 181. *(e)* Le Neve, ibid. *(f)* Inquiſit. poſt mort. dat. 20 Oct. 25 Eliz. n. 173. *(g)* Le Neve, ibid. *(h)* Ibid.

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had, Sir William, his ſucceſſor, Thomas, and Elizabeth, who died infants, and Frances, married to Hamond Bozown, of Wiſingſet, in Norfolk, Eſq; Sir Thomas's ſecond wife was, Anne, daughter of Sir Anthony Browne, of Elſinge, in Norfolk, Knt. by whom he had ſeveral children, viz. Anthony, Francis, and William, who died young; Thomas, married to Mary, daughter of Sir Auguſtine Palgrave, of Norwood Berningham, in Norfolk, Knt. and died without iſſue, (his relict married, ſecondly, Thomas Well, Eſq;) Sir Lyonel, of whom hereafter; Anthony, and Roger, who died without iſſue; John, married to Camilla, daughter of Thomas Browne, of Elſinge, Eſq; Elizabeth, married to Sir Stephen Soame, of Haidon-hall, in Eſſex, Knt. Judith, wedded to Richard Moſely, Eſq; Lidia, to Henry Warner, of Mildenhall, in Suffolk, Eſq; Parnel, to John Harbonne, of Barſham, Eſq; Anne, to Edward Barnwell, of Hylamn, Eſq; and Anne, to George Gent, of Bumſtead, in Eſſex, Eſq; beſides others that died young or unmarried. Sir Thomas, died, June, 1638, and was ſucceeded in dignity and eſtate, by his eldeſt ſon by the firſt marriage,

Sir William Playters, Bart. who was deputy-lieutenant, vice-admiral of the county of Suffolk, and colonel of a regiment of foot, till turned out by the rebels: he married Frances, daughter and heir of Chriſtopher Le Grys, of Billingford, in Norfolk, Eſq; by whom he had only one ſon, Sir Thomas, his ſucceſſor; his lady lies buried in the chancel of Dickelburgh church, in Norfolk, (according to her deſire) with this inſcription over her:

Here under lyeth buried the Body of Dame Frances
Playters, the Daughter and Heir of Chr. Le Grys, of
Billingford, in Norff. Eſq; ſhe marryed Sir Will.
Playters, of Satterley, in Suff. Knt. and Bart. ſometimes
one of the Deputie Lieutenants and Vice Adm. of the ſd.
County, and Juſtice of the Peace & Quorum, & Colk of
a Regiment of Foot, till turn'd out of all by the then
Rebellious Parliament. She had by him only Thomas, who
married with Rebeccha, Daughter and Coheir of Thomas
Chapman, of Woormly, in the County of Hartford,
Eſq; a great Traveller; high ſheriff for the County of
Suff. by Commiſſion from his late Majeſty of bleſſed
Memory, 1646, and by his Commiſſion, raiſed a Regiment
of Horſe, at Oxford. In Cicily, had the command
of a Squadron of 6 Ships; dyed at Meſſina, 1651,
Aged about 35 years, leaving no Iſſue.
The ſaid Dame Frances, died at Billingford-
hall, 9 Sept. 1659, and by her deſire buried
in this Church (a).

Sir

(a) Le Neve's mon. Ang. vol. V. p. 42.

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Sir Thomas Playters, Bart. only ſon and heir, was high ſheriff of Suffolk, 1646, and made *(a)* colonel of a regiment of curaſſiers, of five hundred horſe, his commiſſion dated at Oxford, 29 July, 19 Car. I. he was alſo admiral of ſix Engliſh ſhips *(b)*, the Eagle, Lion, Spahoe, Hunter, Fortune, and another, commiſſion'd by Don Juan de Auſtria, his commiſſion dated at Meſſina, April 26, 1650. He married *(c)* Rebecca, daughter and coheir of Thomas Chapman, of Wormley, in Hertfordſhire, Eſq; (who ſurviving him, was firſt remarried to Richard Lucy, Eſq; a younger branch of the Lucy's, of Charlecote, in com. Warw. and afterwards, to Sir Rowland Lytton, of Knebworth, in com. Hertford, Knt.) by whom he had no iſſue, and dying at Meſſina, in Sicily, 1651, aged thirty-five, was ſucceeded by his half brother, Sir Lyonel, only ſurviving ſon of Sir Thomas, by his ſecond marriage;

Which Sir Lyonel Playters, Bart. when the title and eſtate came to him, was rector of Ugſhall, in Suffolk, and of whom, Mr. Walker, ſays *(d)*, 'His troubles began with the rebellion; 'for, in 1642, they brake open his ſtable-doors, plundered him of 'two very good horſes; and when he had the confidence to de'mand by what authority they did it, they reply'd, Piſtol, the 'parſon; and fired two or more piſtols at him. June 20, 1644, 'articles were exhibited againſt him before the ſequeſtrators, un'der the earl of Mancheſter; the ſubſtance of which, as enter'd 'in the proceedings of thoſe ſequeſtrators, was his obſerving the 'rules and orders preſcribed by the church, preaching up ſub'miſſion to his majeſty, inveighing earneſtly againſt the rebel'lion, refuſing the covenant, keeping company with one, who 'afterwards, as 'twas reported, went to the cavalier, popiſh army, 'and ſaying, that he had a parcel of hemp to ſell, and hoped it 'would bear a good price; becauſe, if the times continued, a 'great many would want hanging; and, that rather than fail, 'he would give it to the king, to hang up the round-heads.

'The ſentence of ſequeſtration paſs'd upon him, if I miſtake 'not, the ſame day that thoſe articles were exhibited; on the '24th of July following, it was ſerved upon him, when Mr. 'Playters, aſking the ſequeſtrators, what time they would give 'him to remove his family, they anſwer'd him, not an hour's 'time; and accordingly, himſelf, his wife, and four children, 'were turned out of doors. The 30th of the ſame month, they 'enter'd on the parſonage-barn, the tythe-hay, and corn there'in; as likewiſe upon the glebe, (part of which was ſown with 'barley, flax, peaſe, and other grain, with a crop of graſs ready 'to be cut,) and upon all the tythe of the pariſh not then ga-

'thered

(a) Le Neve, ibid. (b) Ibid. (c) Ibid. (d) Walker's ſufferings of the clergy, p. 334, 335.

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'thered in: all which they ſeized into their own hands, and 'converted to their own uſe for two years together, without 'ever giving any account, or paying Mr. Playters, the fifths, 'out of it; but inſtead of that, they took care to levy the taxes 'of the months of May, and June, upon him, notwithſtanding 'they had ſeiz'd almoſt the whole produce of that year, either in 'his barns, or in the fields. Beſides which, the poor gentleman 'had another misfortune befel him: for having buried ſeveral 'of his children in the chancel, he hid in one of their graves, on 'proſpect, without queſtion, of thoſe troubles which afterwards 'came upon him, about 200 pieces of gold, which theſe godly 'reformers, as they were tearing up the rails, and levelling the 'chancel, happen'd to diſcover; and, as zealous as they were 'againſt ſuperſtition, and idolatry, made no conſcience of com-'mitting a robbery very near ally'd to ſacrilege, carrying away 'every penny of it. He had likewiſe a temporal eſtate of about '200l. a year, which they either put under ſequeſtration, or what 'was as bad, forbid the tenants to pay the rent: whereupon, 'ſome of them quitted their farms: and although by that means 'the eſtates lay untenanted for two years together, yet they com-'pelled him to pay the taxes even of thoſe unoccupied eſtates. 'About the year 1646, one Henry Younger, ſucceeded in the 'living; but it pleaſed God that Mr. Playters, lived to receive 'it of him again, on the reſtoration, and enjoy'd his living, as 'well as the title and eſtate of his family, for many years after, 'and conſtantly preached in his church, till the day of his death. 'He was a perſon of a meek and peaceable temper, and of a regu-'lar converſation. I had almoſt omitted to ſay, that the ſe-'queſtrators let ſeveral of the out-houſes belonging to the par-'ſonage, fall quite down to the ground.'

Sir Lyonel, married Elizabeth (*a*), daughter of John Warner, of Brandon, in Norfolk, Gent. (ſhe died, Sept. 1699,) and had iſſue, Sir John, his ſucceſſor; Sir Lyonel, ſucceſſor to his brother; Elizabeth, married to Thomas Edgar, of Glemham, in Suffolk, Eſq; Anne, and Lydia, who died unmarried; and dying 1679, was ſucceeded by his eldeſt ſon,

Sir John Playters, Bart. who had two wives (*b*); firſt, Jane, daughter of Thomas Read, of Berdwell, in Suffolk, Eſq; by whom he had no iſſue; ſecondly, Iſabel, daughter and ſole heir of Thomas Hall, of London, merchant, by whom he had iſſue, one ſon, and a daughter, who both died young; whereupon, he was ſucceeded by his brother,

Sir Lyonel Playters, Bart. who married Martha, daughter of Talmaſh Caſtel, of Raveningham, in Norfolk, Eſq; and died Oct.

(*a*) Le Neve, Ibid. (*b*) Ibid.

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Oct. 1699, and left iſſue, 1. Sir John, his ſucceſſor; 2. Richard, who died at ſea unmarried; 3. Lyonel, who married one of the daughters and coheirs of Dr. Gould, a phyſician, and died Jan. 1722-3, at Sotterley, leaving Iſſue; 4. Thomas, who died unmarried; alſo Carolina, married to John Norris, of Witton, in Norfolk, Gent. and Anne.

Sir John Playters, the preſent baronet, eldeſt ſon and ſucceſſor to his father, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Felton, of Worlingham, in Suffolk, Eſq; brother to Sir John Felton, Bart. by whom he had ſeveral children; but hath now only one ſon living, and one daughter, Mary, who is unmarried.

John Playters, Eſq; only ſurviving ſon and heir, hath married Anne-Carolina, ſecond daughter of John Turner, Eſq; and granddaughter to the late Sir Charles Turner, of Warham, in Norfolk, Bart. by whom he hath at preſent no iſſue.

ARMS: Bendy Wavy of Six, Argent, and Azure.

CREST: On a Wreath, Argent, and Azure, a Faulcon, looking backward, Rouſant, Argent, wing'd, Azure, beak'd, legg'd, and bell'd, Or.

SEAT: At *Sotterley-Hall*, in *Suffolk*.

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